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AUSTRALIA BLOCK RUSSIA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA's Young Socceroos hung on grimly for a scoreless draw to block the host nation of the fifth World Youth Championship, USSR, from gaining victory at the Dynamo-Minsk Stadium.

The super-fit, much bigger Russians, bombarded the Australian goal in the first session and here for the "Vegemites" was AIS goalkeeper, Paul Jones.

Jones repeatedly saved hot-rocket Russian shots that zeroed in on Australia's target... it appeared it would be only a matter of time before Russia would score a bag of goals.

The Russian attacking-midfielder, Medvid, shaved Australia's post in the opening minutes with a short range shot and striker, Tatarchuk, quickly followed up with another snap shot at Australia's goal which luckily took a deflection off a defender to fly off target.

The Russian captain and free-back, Chedia, was superb and controlled proceedings from the back as well as repeatedly pushing upfield into attack as a spare man.

The first half was all Russia as again in the 32nd minute, defender Ketashvili whacked a furious shot from only six metres out that whistled over the crossbar.

At the break, the Russians surprisingly changed one of the better players Medvid and slotted into the midfield Bublausekas.

The Australian back-four of Mike McLennan, Mark Jones, Robbie Hooker and Angelos Posteccos rocked and reeled under this Russian siege but never wilted.

Besides Australia's goalkeeper, midfielder Alex Bundalo

looked the only player who tried desperately to turn the match Australia's way with three intelligent switch plays which brought little support.

Biggest disappointment for Australia was their expected match-winner, left-striker, Chris Kalantzis. Kalantzis had a relatively quiet game and never really went at the Russian defence in his normal block-busting manner.

Kalantzis however attempted a weak shot at the target in the 71st and followed up three minutes later with a poorly directed header straight at the Russian goalkeeper.

Australia bounced off the ropes late in the match and hit back with goalscoring chances, two from Warren Spink and one from Louis Hristodoulou.



Paul Carter, Marconi's right back is pictured with arm raised moments after scoring Marconi's second goal.

Don't be surprised to see St George's utility player, Andy Koczka, come into the defence on Wednesday morning for Australia's second match against the Canadians.

If Koczka does not play against Canada he must play on Friday morning against the faster and much taller Nigerians who wiped out Canada 2-0.

Koczka's presence would add much needed height in the defence against the tall Nigerians.

AUSTRALIA: P. Jones; McLennan, M. Jones, Hooker, Posteccos; Bundalo, Sharpe, Panagis; Hristodoulou, Spink, Kalantzis.

RUSSIA: Kutepov; Ketashvili, Gorilyi, Chedia, Kolotovkin; Ivanouskas, Khudozhilov, Medvid (Bublausekas 46); Savchenko, Tatarchuk, Skitarov.

REFEREE: Sanchez Arminio (Spain).
CROWD: 15,000.



PAUL JONES - Goalkeeper



THE CRESCENDO NEARS!

BY FRANK COLETTA

SYDNEY CITY yesterday asserted their authority on the Northern top five series with a super display against Sydney Croatia.

Croatia were never in the hunt. They were disappointing from the outset with only a Jimmy Patikas drive hitting the post giving them any hope.

Sydney City have now advanced into the grand final, with Sydney Croatia meeting Marconi on Wednesday night at St. George stadium in the preliminary final.

In Melbourne, Brunswick Juventus have gone into the Grand Final after their 1-0 win over South Melbourne.

South will now meet Preston in the final. Preston were much too strong for Heidelberg United in the minor semi-final, winning 2-0.

The afternoon at St. George was a brilliant one. The ground was bathed in sunshine and the Marconi and Olympic players complemented the conditions with thrill-a-minute stuff.

Olympic had cause to think they had won the all-action match when with five minutes remaining in extra-time young substitute Andy Zervas scored to make it 3-2.

Yet no one had banked on the resili-

ence of the old war-horse, Mark Jankovics. Cool as a cucumber he glided into the Olympic area and slid his shot past Gary Meier... 'been there, done that' could have been what Mark said after scoring.

That is what lost the game for Olympic. They lacked experience, composure and concentration... playing on heart alone could not suffice and coach Manfred Schaefer made this quite clear afterwards.

"We lacked the experience to go on with it. We lacked that and concentration," he said.

A fact borne out by Marconi replying on two occasions to Olympic goals with a goal of their own, inside two minutes.

"We should have shut them out but we lacked the know-how," lamented Schaefer.

"When you have to field a different side week in, week out it doesn't help.

"I don't like losing and I'm not upset, all in all I'm very proud of the team."

Les Scheinflug, Marconi's coach said

in the dressing-room, "We seemed to have them at one stage but then nerves took their toll and we let them back in.

"It was a great comeback, especially so near to the end of the match, but then you can always rely on Mark Jankovics.

"The move that turned the game was Tony Henderson's switch to the midfield. He controlled the match as he pleased, slowed it down as he wanted.

"As for Wednesday, Rod Brown has a groin-injury but he should be fit."

Sydney City were not flash in their win but they did enough and in fact could have gone on and won by two or three more goals.

Vedran Rozic claimed his side failed to adapt, "We could not handle the physical style of Sydney City. There was not enough attack in our team.

"Also playing two games in five days did not help us, we looked too tired but we have to wake up now and win from now on."

As for the prospect of meeting Sydney

City in the Grand Final, Rozic laughed when he said, "We must beat Marconi first and this task will not prove an easy one."

The last meeting between the two Fairfield-based teams ended in a 2-1 triumph to Croatia last Wednesday in a match that saw Tom Basic and Craig Mason receive their marching orders.

In the Southern division the dust-up between South Melbourne and Preston will be equally exciting.

South with their tails wedged firmly between their legs after their loss to Brunswick will be out to hand out some sort of revenge against Preston.

Billy Murray's men are not to be underestimated, not by any stretch of the imagination. They are on some sort of a high at the moment, having come so close in the National Cup and now coming from fifth spot to make the final.

Surely these credentials must give them a big hope of upsetting the national champions.



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SOCCER LEAGUE

SCOREBOARD

STATE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canterbury-M'ville	21	13	5	3	46	23	31
Fairy Meadow	21	13	4	4	25	13	30
Sutherland	21	10	7	4	38	20	27
Melita Eagles	21	11	4	6	36	20	26
Ku-ring-gal	21	8	8	5	27	21	24
Rockdale	21	8	6	7	27	19	22
Avala	21	7	7	7	24	22	21
Manly	21	4	9	8	18	25	17
Polonia	21	7	3	11	33	47	17
Auburn	21	3	8	10	16	30	14
Warringah	21	2	9	10	15	37	13
Bankstown	21	2	6	13	16	44	10

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W'gong Macedonia	20	14	5	1	41	11	33
Gladesville Hby	21	14	4	3	37	13	32
Queens Park	21	13	3	5	47	24	28
Campbelltown City	21	12	3	6	47	27	27
North Bankstown	21	10	5	6	32	17	25
Blacktown United	20	11	3	6	45	26	24
Yugal	19	6	5	8	36	26	17
Artamon	20	5	7	8	26	30	17
Bathurst '75	21	3	9	9	27	33	15
Dee Why	20	4	6	10	13	35	14
Canterbury & Dist	21	3	3	15	22	65	9
Penrith United	21	0	3	18	19	82	3

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsford	21	12	8	1	49	25	32
Bondi Marine	20	10	8	2	51	18	28
North Ryde	21	12	2	7	35	21	26
King Tomislav	20	10	6	4	30	22	26
Baulkham Hills	22	10	5	6	27	20	26
Rooty Hill	20	9	4	7	43	21	22
Port Hacking	19	7	5	7	22	32	19
C'belltown Dist	20	6	5	9	28	29	17
Moorebank L'pool	20	6	2	12	21	32	14
Granville District	19	3	6	10	22	40	12
Uni of NSW	20	3	6	11	16	29	12
Mt Druitt Town	21	3	5	13	19	68	11

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Ku-ring-gal v Polonia	2-2	9-0	4-1
Fairy Meadow v Uruguayan Auburn	0-1	0-5	2-1
Manly Warringah v Avala	2-2	8-0	1-1
Rockdale Ilinden v Warringah N'been	2-0	0-1	0-1
Can M'ville Oly v Melita Eagles	2-0	0-4	2-3
Bankstown National v Sutherland Shire	1-1	0-23	0-1

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Gladesville Hornsby v Artamon	3-3	5-2	1-0
Blacktown United v Campbelltown City	2-2	3-0	0-0
North Bankstown v Bathurst '75	2-0	1-0	2-0
Yugal v Queens Park	2-3	3-2	
Queens Park v SSC Yugal	3-2	1-2	4-2
Campbelltown City v Blacktown United	3-1	3-3	0-3
Penrith United v Dee Why	1-2	1-5	2-0
Can & Dist v Wollongong Mac	0-4	2-3	0-2
Bathurst '75 v North Bankstown	0-0	0-1	2-2

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Bondi Marine v Uni of NSW	2-1	6-0	
Granville Dist v North Ryde	0-2	2-1	3-1
Baulkham Hills v Moorebank	2-0	1-1	5-3
King Tomislav v Campbelltown Dist	2-1	0-4	2-2
Rooty Hill v Baulkham Hills	2-1	0-0	2-3
Moorebank L v Mt Druitt Town	0-1	4-0	2-1
Port Hacking v Kingsford	1-3	1-2	1-0

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Padstow Park v Eastwood St A	1-0	1-1
CSI Schofields v Sydney Uni	0-3	1-1
Spanish Club v Lane Cove	2-3	5-1
Sydney Uni v Nineveh Eagles	5-0	7-0
West St George v Hurstville Zagreb	5-1	0-2
Fairfield Kiev v West Park	4-2	1-5

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Trasandinos Sports v Concordia	1-3	0-5
Pagewood v Green Valley	8-1	1-3
Chelsea v Chile Sports	3-2	2-0
Hawkesbury Dist v Liverpool City	0-0	0-3
Macquarie Uni v Maroubra	0-1	2-1
Macarthur United v Wentworthville	1-3	3-4

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Dulwich Hill v Sydney Maccabi	2-1	
Haberfield v Concord Juniors	1-2	0-3
Robins v Chullora	2-2	1-3
Welcome Sports v Rosebery P	0-4	0-2
Rangers Hadjuk v Haberfield B/D	0-2	6-1
Concord Juniors v Smithfield	5-0	3-0

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Petersham L v Lithgow Workmens	1-0	0-4
Argentinian L v Colo Colo		2-0
Colo Colo v Nepean Rovers	6-3	4-0
Macedonia Yagoona v Greenistland	1-1	4-2
Castle Hill v Murray Farm	2-1	2-2
Lansville United v Argentinian L/U	0-2	1-7
Hellas Poseidon v Fairfield Athletic	3-1	1-2

NORTHERN NSW

FIRST DIVISION

Highfield Azzurri 1 Austral United 4, Maitland 0 Lake Macquarie 3, Central Coast 2 West Wallsend 2, Belmont-Swansea 1 Adamstown Rosebud 0, Cardiss 3 Weston Bears 2.
Belmont Swansea are the premier of the Northern NSW Premiership.

SECOND DIVISION

Toronto-Awaba 3 Westlakes 0, Stockton 2 Belmont 2, Newcastle Macedonia 0 Wallsend 1, Edgeworth 1 Mayfield United 1, Cessnock City 4 Port Macquarie 0.
Wallsend are the premier of the Second Division.

ELIMINATION SEMI-FINALS AT BALGOWNIE

WOLLONGONG 1 (Farragher 74) SYDNEY CITY 2 (Harper 42, Kay 90)

JAMESON OVAL A.C.T.

CANBERRA CITY 1 (Perinovic 87) ST GEORGE 0

MARCONI UNABLE TO CAPITALISE

BY FRANK COLETTA

MARCONI fell foul last Wednesday night to one of the oldest occurrences in football... a team lifting their game following a dismissal of one of their players. Sydney Croatia were the culprits, having Tom Basic sent-off late in the first half and subsequently going on to win the semi-final, 2-1.

In what was to prove a very physical encounter, (no less than four yellow cards, two sending-offs and umpteenth cautions) Marconi were simply unable to break down Croatia's defences following the departure of Basic.

Little or nothing went right for Marconi and it all began going backwards for them after just 11 minutes.

A hopeful long punt up field by Socceroo, Zarko Odzakovic, found Marconi's fullback Lee Sterrey and Croatia's striker Jimmy Patikas in hot pursuit.

Sterrey reached the ball first just outside his own area, a kind knee-high bounce seemed to have aborted any likely danger until Sterrey lobbed the ball over his advancing 'keeper, Bruce James and into the net.

For a time Marconi seemed to be spurred into veracious action as they attempted to pull the cruel 'own goal' back.

It didn't take them long either, as seven minutes later Sterrey somewhat atoned for his blunder with an inch-perfect cross onto the feet of the chunky forward, David Lowe.

Lowe twisted and turned his way into the box before being denied by Steve Watson's feet trying to delicately 'touch' the ball past him. The ball was then completely mis-kicked by Vedran Rozic and Lowe had another opportunity — still he couldn't score! Rod Brown then collected the loose ball and drilled it in to level the score.

Shane Clinch was all alone in the area and he duly slotted the ball in the far corner.

Only a matter of minutes later Marconi may have equalised when a Peter Tredinnick cross found Mark Jankovics crashing it on the volley just over the bar.

Mark Jankovics, Marconi's perennial goal-poacher scored what was deemed an off-side 'goal' at the half-hour so the score remained unchanged.

Basic then committed a cynical charge on rival centre-back Steve Calderan as the Marconi man was breaking through the Croatian defender.

Referee Richard Larence had no option but to send Basic on his way.

From here Croatia should have been easy pickings for a Marconi outfit that revels in going forward but not! This was the turning point for Croatia.

In fact Croatia were little or not effected at all. As Zarko Odzakovic was hauled back into defence, a position in which he has played for Australia and did his job admirably.

Les Scheinflug explained afterwards. "We lost the game at that stage. They lifted their play above ours and simply we didn't show any capability of taking advantage of the extra man we possessed."

"We have only ourselves to blame. The defensive lapses that we had, we paid for dearly."

It was indeed a defensive lapse that gave Croatia their all-important goal.

In the 50th minute, speedy winger Zeljko Jurin broke away down the right and away from his marker, Lee Sterrey. His cross was inexplicably missed by Jim Patikas and Steve Calderan at the near post.

Shane Clinch was all alone in the area and he duly slotted the ball in the far corner.

Only a matter of minutes later Marconi may have equalised when a Peter Tredinnick cross found Mark Jankovics crashing it on the volley just over the bar.

Again in the 68th minute Jankovics was in the thick of the action, when he charged onto a pass inside the Croatian area. He crashed to the ground under challenge by Rozic, it seemed a fair claim for a penalty but the factor that may have swayed Richard Larence in the negative was that both seemed to connect shoulder-to-shoulder.

There was time enough for one last chance. Marconi's veteran stopper, Tony Henderson drove a half-volley in the 72nd minute only inches over and Marconi's hopes went there and then.

Following a frustrating match in the middle of the park where Craig Mason, Ian Gray and Peter Tredinnick were given little or no chance to get into the match, Mason committed three consecutive fouls in the space of five minutes and with only 90 seconds remaining received his marching orders following a clattering challenge on Jim Patikas.

Croatia's player-coach Vederan Rozic said amid a joyous dressing-room.

"All the boys played very well, especially in the second half. We showed them how to play when you have only ten men, I was very happy with everyone tonight."

MEN OF THE MATCH: WALLY SAVOR and SHANE CLINCH. Both worked tirelessly in attack and defence. Savor was the inspiration in going forward and continually ran at the Marconi defenders whilst Clinch looked exciting on the ball and was never afraid to try something.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson 7, M.Kovacic 6.5, Basic (sent-off), Rezo 7, Rozic 6.5, Clinch 7.5, Jurin 7 (Dragicevic 67), Savor 8, Arnold 7, Patikas 7, Odzakovic 6.
MARCONI: James 6.5, Carter 6, Sterrey 6, Henderson 7.5, Calderan 6, Mason (sent-off), Tredinnick 7, Gray 5.5, Jankovics 6.5 (Sharne 86), Brown 6, Lowe 6.
CROWD: 5,589
REFEREE: R.Larence 7.



WALLY SAVOR



Chris Pollas races away in jubilation after scoring Sydney Olympic's second goal.

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SYDNEY CITY INTO GRAND FINAL

SYDNEY CITY raced into next Sunday's Grand Final when they solidly defeated Sydney Croatia 1 nil at the St George Stadium.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Sydney Croatia who threatened to toss Sydney City out of the Grand Final, now has to do it the hard way themselves, backing up next Wednesday night to again take on Marconi in the Preliminary Final.

Sydney City coached, Eddie Thomson, gambled with "death" when as he promised during the week, stuck to his word and attacked with four strikers through Grant Lee, Frank Farina, John Kosmina and David Mitchell. Lee however dropped back a little to cover Joe Watson in the links.

Sydney Croatia, obviously drained from their hard match against Marconi during the week, found

great difficulty in handling the non-stop pressure of the League Champions.

Farina and Kosmina especially, are almost back to top form. Kosmina surprised everyone by finishing the match, despite understandably being a little short of a gallop, not having played for six weeks due to injury.

But as early as in the second minute, Croatia frightened City when pacy Jimmy Patikas busted clear away on the left side and blasted a shot across goal that crashed onto the base of City's right post.

In the 53rd minute, Mitchell raided on the right, came along the goal line and tried an

inswinger at the target which Steve Watson blocked over the top.

Three minutes later, City scored.

Grant Lee latched onto a ball which Croatia's midfielder, Shane Clinch failed to clear, and from 15 metres out Lee drilled his hit into the target.

The classy flanker, Farina, missed a golden chance to make it 2 nil for City in the 65th minute.

Right-back, Gerado Gomez, flashed a magnificent square ball from the right flank, across the face of the goalmouth to Farina on the back stick. But Farina set to side foot a first time shot at the net, changed his mind and tried to hit the ball,

screwing his shot wide off target from only five metres out.

Two minutes later, Croatia's winger, Zeljko Jurin cracked a left-footed shot from eight metres out that whistled inches past the wrong side of the second post.

Sydney City's back-four of Gomez, Steve O'Connor, Alex Robertson and Jimmy Cant, smothered well all assaults in their territory whilst Watson and skipper Murray Barnes worked wonders in centre-pitch.

Eddie Thomson said after the match: "We did well but not too well in the first half."

"We squandered too much possession but tightened up greatly

in the second half."

City's captain, Barnes, stated: "We are now serious about taking out the 'double' now," referring to next Sunday's Grand Final.

Vedran Rozic, Croatia's intelligent master, stated in the dressing rooms:

"City are a physical side and they mark very quickly and tightly. They are a good side and very difficult to play against".

SYDNEY CROATIA:
Watson: M.Kovacic, Rozic, Vidale, A.Kovacic (Dragicevic 85th); Savor, Odzakovic, Clinch; Jurin, Arnold, Patikas.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano: Gomez, Robertson, O'Connor, Cant; Watson, Barnes; Lee, Farina, Kosmina, Mitchell.

REFEREE: P.Ramsey. CROWD: 11,144.



Steve Calderan tangles with Marshall Soper.

OLYMPIC VERY LUCKY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC can consider themselves very lucky to have defeated St George 1-0 at the St George Stadium to knock the Saints out of the Top Five Series.

The first session saw some rough tackles executed by players from both sides and the "Man in Black," Gary Power, did well to retain some control.

But one player, on four occasions, deliberately faked injuries by rolling to the ground, thus inciting the sympathetic Olympic supporters.

In the 30th minute, St George midfielder, Mark Barton chested down a cut-back ball off the goal line to belt home from twelve metres out. But the linesman ruled a Saints player was offside, despite that player being nowhere near the action.

The St George players protested but to no avail.

A minute before the break, St George striker, Robbie Slater, busted away into the left of the Olympic box. Slater slammed a hot drive well on target which the giant Olympic custodian, Gary Meier did extremely well to neutralise the danger and keep the scoreline 0-0 at the break.

The Olympic "gear-box" of Stuart Johnston, Peter Raskopoulos and Arthur Svinos, operated well and were faster to the ball than their counter-parts, Mark Barton, Peter Stone and John O'Shea.

A vital mistake by the Saints was the generous latitude they allowed the Olympic skipper, Raskopoulos

in the middle to operate at will.

In the 61st minute, Olympic's explosive international striker, Marshall Soper, drilled a hot-drive at the target which was well blocked by World Cup goalkeeper, Terry Greedy.

Three minutes later at the other end, Sydney Olympic hit the lead through a dubious goal nailed in by centre-back, Alex Lampropoulos.

From eight metres out with team-mate, Mark Koussas standing on the goal line in an offside position, Lampropoulos smashed into the target a first-time blast.

And if that wasn't enough bad luck for the Saints who bowed out of 1985 football, three minutes later they lost their captain and World Cup centre-back, David Ratcliffe when he was shown a red card by Gary Power.

Ratcliffe was involved in a tackle on Soper which more than looked harmless. Ratcliffe was unable to suppress his anger back inside the dressing rooms after the match, claiming he had been conned.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Lampropoulos, Ziras, Jennings; Johnston, Raskopoulos, Svinos (Polias 82nd); Ogun, Soper, Koussas.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R. O'Shea; Barton (Bozanic 76th), Stone, J. O'Shea, Ricoy; Slater, Cotton.

REFEREE: G.Power. CROWD: 3,500.

MARCONI TRIUMPH IN A SOCCER FIESTA!

ST GEORGE STADIUM played host yesterday to one of the absolute epic semi-final encounters of all time when Marconi with the utmost guts and determination defeated a gallant Sydney Olympic, 7-6 on penalties after the score was locked 3-all at full-time.

Spurred on by veteran defender, Tony Henderson, Marconi came back from the "dead" virtually on two occasions to earn themselves a spot in the preliminary final against Sydney Croatia.

As early as the 7th minute the enigmatic Marshall Soper had put Olympic into the lead.

Soper challenged Marconi goalkeeper on the edge of the small box, he took possession, shot and was blocked. He did it once more for good measure before the ball rebounded to the lanky Simon Ogun, then following an inexplicable scramble Soper blasted the ball in.

Then the old adage is that 'a team is at its most vulnerable after scoring a goal' came into play as Marconi won a corner. Midfielder Peter Tredinnick swerved over the corner, Olympic's Jim Ziras got his head to it but only managed to send goalward. Rod Brown on the far post leapt high to head the ball in despite a valiant effort to clear by Graham Jennings on the line.

Marconi's forceful left-back, Joe Rizzotto was coming more and more into play as Marconi swept the flanks in search of a second goal.

BY FRANK COLETTA



Paul Carter scores his brilliant solo goal.

Marconi continued to barrage the Olympic goalmouth only to be denied by poor finishing and bad luck.

Seven minutes into the second term, completely against the run of play Olympic nailed their second goal.

Peter Raskopoulos, after taking an eternity to get to the ball, floated over a corner-kick that young 18-year-old Chris Polias nodded in unattended.

Then in the 60th minute Les Scheinflug played his hand and revealed a real ace move.

He replaced the hard-working David Lowe with Peter

Sharne and pushed Tony Henderson into the midfield.

In the 67th minute Marconi defender, Paul Carter executed one of the best goals ever seen at St George Stadium.

He collected the ball deep inside his own half, charged up field, slipped a pass to Mark Jankovics, who in turn flicked onto Carter.

The young back then waltzed into the area and slid his shot from an acute angle under the body of Gary Meier.

The score remained two-all until the end of normal time and referee, Tim Davies blew for the beginning

of a dramatic extra half an hour.

With only one minute gone in the extra period, Peter Tredinnick broke away on the left, beat Peter Raskopoulos pointless and crossed into the area.

There Mark Jankovics launched himself into a spectacular scissors-volley that went marginally over.

Then with no less than 115 epic minutes gone, young 17-year-old local product Andy Zervas seemingly wrote himself into the annals of Australian soccer.

Peter Raskopoulos beat the keeper Bruce James, screwed the ball goalward and three Olympic players converged, Zervas got there first to add the finishing touch.

They had not counted on Mark Jankovics however. With only three minutes remaining Steve Calderan flicked a header through, Jankovics, Sharne and Gary Meier converged and Jankovics won out as he drove home the equaliser.

Then the cruel climax of penalties:

Raskopoulos scores, Carter scores, Ogun scores, Henderson penalty saved by Gary Meier and Olympic lead 2-1, Johnston penalty saved by Bruce James, Gray scores 2-2, Zervas scores 3-2, Sharne

scores 3-3, Soper scores 4-3, Jankovics scores 4-4, Rogers scores 5-4, Tredinnick scores 5-5, Jennings scores 6-5, Driene scores 6-6, Ziras penalty put wide, Sterrey scores and Marconi wins 7-6 on penalties.

Les Scheinflug said later, "We played our hearts out and on occasions were very unlucky. I feel a little sorry for Ziras, penalties aren't the greatest things to settle a match but they are part and parcel of the game."

"Full marks to Tony Henderson, he was the difference."

Manfred Schaefer, "We have been through it before and won but this time we lost, there is little you can do about it."

MAN OF THE MATCH: TONY HENDERSON, was without doubt the difference between the two sides. Resilient in defence and so very cool and explosive when moved to his old stamping ground in the middle of the park.

MARCONI: James 7, Carter 7.5, Rizzotto 7.5, Henderson 8.5, Calderan 7, Sterrey 7, Gray 6, Lowe 6 (Sharne 80), Brown 6 (Orlene 103), Jankovics 7, Tredinnick 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7.5, Rogers 6.5, Jennings 6.5, Ziras 6, Haniotis 7, Johnston 6, Raskopoulos 6, Soper 6.5, Ogun 6, Polias 6 (Zervas 98), Koussas 6 (Svinos 55). CROWD: 11,144. REFEREE: T. Davies 5.



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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — AUGUST 26, 1985

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

IT WAS GREAT to see one of our great soccer-cum-cricketers come out of the fifth cricket test in Birmingham with something to celebrate about.

Ex-Melita and Brisbane defender Jeffrey Robert Thomson took his 200th test wicket in that blighted match in which the Aussies were mercilessly pummeled.

Thommo of course isn't the only one in that touring side noted for his skills with the round ball, there is of course Bob 'Dutchy' Holland also.

P.S If you've got a little bit of cash lying around...put it on the Aussies retaining the Ashes. The poms may be up 2-1 with the last to play but my hunch is that on the quickish Oval wicket the Australians will blast England into submission, but I could be wrong!

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THE OWN GOAL Lee Sterrey scored against his club for Croatia last Wednesday night may not have been all that strange for him after all. You see, Lee was only purchased from Croatia by Marconi at the start of the season...and as he struggled to score goals at Croatia from the defence he has now found a different way in which to do so!

Seriously though, Lee has been a revelation at Marconi this year. He was involved in a tug-of-war earlier this year between the two clubs, Croatia did not wish to release him, no wonder! His form has been such that he has earned himself a near permanent spot in the Marconi line-up. In effect keeping out either Joe Rizzotto (an international) or Paul Carter, (one of the more fashionable defenders in Australia).

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LAST WEEK in my column I brought to your attention the fact that the Northern Territory junior representatives were having severe difficulty in finding billets.

Happily what seemed a sad story has eventually found a happy ending. All the boys have now been billeted, thanks to the enigmatic work of the Winston Hills club.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: It has to go to Marconi secretary, Keith Charles.

After seeing Steve Calderan flattened by Tom Basic in the preliminary major semi-final out at Marconi last Wednesday night, Keith exclaimed on seeing Calderan recover and jog back to position.

That Calderan...YOU COULDN'T HURT HIM IF YOU HIT HIM WITH A BRICK TOILET!

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SO FRANK AROK has taken the unprecedented step of asking the media to choose him a representative side for him, namely the next NSW side.

Remembering it is excluding the international players and seeing we are all experts, I don't think anyone would mind if I put my two-bob's worth in. Here is the side I would select:

Franken, Gomez, Robertson (Capt), Bertogna, Rizzotto, Mason, Senkalski, Tredinnick, Lamond, Lowe, Lee. Reserves: McPherson, Bozanic, Raskopolous.

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FINALLY I would like to thank the multitude of **SOCCER WEEKLY** readers who have written and phoned me to express their pleasure at the product they are purchasing.

ASW acknowledges also that we can continue to improve, so rest assured we don't intend to rest on our laurels...you'll see what I mean in the upcoming months.



Joe Rizzotto, he'd be in my NSW side.

BRUNSWICK MUCH TOO STRONG

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

BRUNSWICK Juventus steamrolled Heidelberg United on their way to the second elimination final of the southern division.

Juventus recorded a comfortable 2-0 win over a lethargic opponent and issued a stern warning to division leaders South Melbourne, not to underestimate in their head-on collision for a berth in the final.

Brunswick started the game with a great deal of determination and right from the outset forced Heidelberg United to retreat in defence, with a series of blistering attacks.

The domination however did not bear result until the 69th minute when dynamic winger Andrew Zinni outran central defender Charlie Yankos and blasted the ball into the net.

The goal sunk Heidelberg deeper into trouble as their midfield had lapsed into false security and

their defence faced difficulty in containing Juventus's fiery forward line.

Juventus supporters went into hysterics in the 78th minute when midfielder Richard Miranda netted a superb goal from outside the area.

The experienced midfielder spotted the Heidelberg goalkeeper off his line and lobbed the ball into the net to give his team a clear 2-0 lead.

Heidelberg's spasmodic reaction in the last 10 minutes of the game did not change the outcome for Juventus's solid defence absorbed the pressure.

JUVENTUS: Banovic, Petersen, Lewis, Brown, Incantalupo, Wade, Campbell, Miranda, Sweeney, Dowle, Zinni, (Dursakovic 71).

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McKie, Marley, Yankos, Angele, Christopoulos, (Metaxas 80) Seledmedis, Taslos, (Valentine 72) Winn, Tsotakis, Stevenson.



RICHARD MIRANDA

LEN McKENDRY HITS OUT AT SEMI SERIES

SOUTH MELBOURNE coach Len McKendry continued his crusade against the top five series with a scathing attack on the National League.

The outspoken coach criticised the concept arguing "it offers teams that finish the season below par to have a second shot at the championship target."

McKendry's opposition to the top five series grew to gigantic proportions after South Melbourne had lost their first game in the series 1-0 to Brunswick Juventus.

The reigning champions will take their second chance for a berth in the final on Wednesday night against Preston, who recorded a convincing 2-0 win against Heidelberg United in the first game of yesterday's double header at Olympic Park.

McKendry resents the fact "that the top team is forced to play against the team that finished fifth in the competition."

In stark contrast McKendry's counterpart John Margaritis was elated by opposition "to prove to the soccer world who are the true champions in the southern division."

It must be noted of course that Brunswick Juventus have advanced to the grand final with Sunday's win over South Melbourne.

Brunswick Juventus proved worthy winners of the game which produced very little spectacle and posed a lot of questions about the attitude of the players towards the paying customers.

Marred with a lot of spiteful battles and the regular scuffles amongst players, the game offered very little to the 10,000 supporters.



JOE ANGELE

Indicative of its physical content is the total of yellow cards from the referee.

He handed out five yellow cards to Brunswick players and two to South Melbourne.

It is very little wonder that the sides remained deadlocked in a 0-0 draw until the 120th minute when the player of the match Paul Wade scored the winning goal for Brunswick.

Wade capped his brilliant performance with an equally superb goal, blasting in

the roof of the net the ball from close range.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumeta, Russell, Mihis, Yzendoorn (Bozinowski 80) Blair, Murphy, Crino, Halford, McDowell (Kane-souls 119) Brown, Egan.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Banovic, Petersen, Lewis, Brown, Campbell, Dowle, Incantalupo, Wade, Cullen, Miranda, Sweeney. REFEREE: D. Campbell. CROWD: 10,000.

PRESTON BOUNCE BACK

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

A MAKESHIFT Preston side came from behind to edge Melbourne Croatia out of the elimination finals of the southern division, with a convincing 2-1 win.

Having weathered an early storm, Preston gained momentum and asserted their authority on the game to emerge winners of the torrid battle.

Hampered by the absence of four key players, namely Gary Cole, Steve Smith, Warren Spink and Gordon Flavell, Preston coach Billy Murray brought into the side some suitable substitutes in an effort to fill the vacancies.

Croatia coach Dom Kapetanovic also had problems in selecting his team due to the unavailability of regular players Mirko Runje, Zeljko Govic and Jim Campbell.

Kapetanovic's major problem was the absence of his goalkeeper Runje and he opted for young Tony Colleg who played his first game for the senior side.

Croatia went into the lead after 15 minutes when midfielder Josip Biskic hammered the ball into the net with a fierce shot.

Preston quickly overcame the shock to level the score 10 minutes later with Gogic, who turned

into the net a header via a Dobson pass.

Preston persevered with their attack and five minutes before half-time they hit the lead with Petrovski to go to the break with a goal advantage.

The second half of the game brought the best out of Croatia's goalkeeper Tony Colleg.

The young goalkeeper excelled in foiling successive attacks by Preston's forward line.

His brilliant performances deprived Croatia the chance to record a sizeable win.

But as coach Billy Murray stated after the game "a goal difference was good enough to take Preston to the second elimination final against Heidelberg United".

CROATIA: Colleg, Curolo, McIntosh, Cristaldo, Curovic, Antolovic, Dankovic, Biskic, Gogic, Markovic, (Ward 46) Lubjic (Hannah 80).

PRESTON: Tralanidis, Opasinas, McMillan, Hoski, Dason, Dunn, Heys, (Piculovski 73) Petrovski, Lane, Petrov, Gogic.



Sean Lane — In full flight.

PRESTON BID FOR THE GRAND FINAL

PRESTON issued a strong bid for the second spot in the final of the southern division, with a convincing 2-0 win over Heidelberg United.

A brilliant second performance in the series confirmed Preston's belated return to form and their determination to maintain the momentum they had gained in the closing stages of the championship.

After Sunday's performances Preston pose a serious threat to South Melbourne, for their game this coming Wednesday.

Preston had no difficulty in disposing of

purposeless Heidelberg United who failed to improve on their pathetic performance, which cost them the first defeat in the series by Brunswick Juventus, last Wednesday night.

Stout defence prevented Preston from going in the lead in the early stages of the game.

However they managed to break the deadlock in the 64th minute when Con

Opasinas chested down a free kick for team mate Sean Lane who slotted the ball in the net from close range.

An own goal by Heidelberg central defender Joe Angele secured Preston the win in the 72nd minute.

Angele deflected in his net a shot by Robbie Dunn.



STAR PROFILE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**OSCAR
CRINO**

BIRTH AND BIRTH-PLACE: August 9, 1962, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

HEIGHT: 6'1".

MARRIED: Engaged to Nellie to be married later this year.

OCCUPATION: Storeman.

PLAYING POSITION: Central midfielder

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: A.I.S. Juventus, Tung Sing Hong Kong, South Melbourne Hellas.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Roberto Vieri, Peter Raskopoulos, Platini, Maradona.

FAVOURITE CLUBS: South Melbourne Hellas, A.S.Roma and Independiente.

CAR: Holden Kingswood.

BIGGEST DIS-APPOINTMENT IN SOCCER: "When we didn't win the World Youth Championship in 1981 here in Australia."

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

"My family."

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: Tennis.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Dudley Moore and Candice Bergen.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To become a fulltime professional player.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: All types.

MAJOR INJURIES: None really.

BEST TEAM IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL SERIES: Australia.

BEST PLAYER FOR AUSTRALIA IN SERIES: David Ratcliffe.

NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP: Israel in the Oceania sector. We have not seen much of any of the teams which is dangerous for us. But in reality, all the teams will prove a threat. This is World Cup stuff.

**AUSTRALIAN
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CHIT CHAT

SOME people have short memories.

The major problem with the original Philips Soccer League was that interstate teams did not attract crowds away from home. Basically, Melbourne fans are not interested in Sydney teams and vice-versa. That is a fact and it was proved at the time. So now it is suggested the 1986 NSL will restore the original format because, as one prominent Victorian official claims: "Sydney clubs are always a big attraction in Melbourne." Is he kidding?

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☐ YOU have to hand it to the National Soccer League for inventing new trends in football administration. Last week, Apia Leichhardt won two points from a match which goes into the record books as a 0 - 0 draw! Or should that be a 0 - 0 win? It's all very confusing but you cannot blame Apia for grabbing the two points they "won" as a result of Marconi playing the ineligible Tony Henderson against them.

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CANTERBURY, one of the great clubs from Sydney's great soccer days, are eager to play in the 1986 Olympic Airways National League.

The Berries are enjoying a super season in the Skypak State League. It's nice to know Canterbury are being guided to success by RAUL BLANCO, a coach who has had more kicks from soccer than anyone deserves.

In fact, both Blanco and Marconi's LES SCHEINFLUG have had excellent results in club football since being cruelly ditched by the Australian Soccer Federation last year.

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☐ TERRY NEILL will be guest of honour at the Inaugural Rothmans Medal Presentation Dinner for the best and fairest player in the Olympic Airways National League.

Although Neill is not involved in soccer regularly these days, he is a great character with a background as a top player and manager.

And, being Irish, Terry is never lost for a few words as an entertaining story-teller.

Wonder what he will tell Rothmans guests about those nasty Arsenal fans who cost him his job as Highbury boss!



Terry Neill, guest of honour at the Rothmans dinner.

WOLLONGONG CITY winger BERNIE GODZIK has helped his club avoid relegation - now he has taken on the Immigration Department.

Godzik is seeking permanent residence in Australia after originally coming out on a two-year visa.

Wollongong club is backing him in his bid to stay and chairman LAURIE KELLY has enlisted the help of the four Federal Members in the South Coast region.

Godzik was originally brought from the UK by WILLIE WALLACE to play with Leichhardt and is keen to stay.

He said he and his wife have worked full-time since they arrived and certainly haven't asked for any hand-outs.

"We recently had a baby daughter and want her to grow up here," Godzik said.

ARTHUR TOWNSEND, caretaker coach with Penrith City, may be an unknown in Australian soccer but he is obviously keen to improve his knowledge.

Townsend, an Englishman, regularly visits his home land where he keeps up to date with latest coaching ideas.

There is a feeling at Penrith that Townsend will succeed sacked WILLIE WALLACE permanently ... if such a word can be applied to a soccer coach.

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WE have often wondered why the benches reserved for coach, physio and substitutes at Sydney Athletic Field are on the wrong side of the pitch.

As Sydney City's EDDIE THOMSON will surely agree, it's murder sitting on the bench and shielding the eyes against constant glare from the sun.

Life would be so much simpler if the benches were stationed on the opposite touchline.

There must be a reason. But we would be happy to hear what it is!

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INTER MONARO will not return to their old home ground, Marco Polo Oval, for the 1986 season.

Work is going on at the ground but the club does not expect it to be completed before the 1987 season.

FRANK MACCARONE has agreed to stay on as coach after his outstanding efforts this year and, presumably, he will still refuse to accept a salary.

As Maccarone says: "If people pay you, they can give you orders. I don't like to take orders!"

He expects to sign several new players ... from Canberra, Sydney and Scotland.

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ADELAIDE CITY collected a nice end-of-season bonus - \$42,380.

It was part of the proceeds from the auction of a house built for them by one of their main sponsors, Fairmont Homes.

The company is also involved with West Adelaide and is now building a home for them to be auctioned at the end of the year.

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WHILE most clubs have been moaning about falling attendances, West Adelaide reports an increase.

Writing in the club's final programme for the season, coach NEIL MCGACHEY said that in all but one match the attendances were up on last season.

"I would like to suggest that the entertaining style the team has played this year has played a major part in improving our attendances," he wrote.

He conceded the team had not made the five, but promised new signings for next season and a stronger bid for honours.

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DAVID MITCHELL collected a nasty-looking injury in his first club game in Australia for two years.

But maybe Mitch should blame himself. With his team, Sydney City, leading Canberra City 4-1, Mitch was so keen to score another goal, he appeared to throw himself at goalkeeper TONY FRANKEN.

He came off second best and had to be carried off.

That sort of desperate do-or-die effort is all right when a team is fighting for a vital goal, but surely not with a scoreline of 4-1.

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ROBBIE O'SHEA must be the unluckiest of St George's three O'Shea brothers, so it was good to see him back in action in the vital final NSL game against Inter Monaro at Seiffert.

Robbie had hardly kicked a ball for two years and, against Monaro, the Saints officials were hoping he would come through without mishap.

All was well. As coach FRANK AROK said later: "Robbie played the full 90 minutes and we were all happy with his performance."

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WE hear that Zarko Odzakov is not the only Socceroo needing naturalisation before playing in the World Cup eliminations.

There may be a couple of others. If they are not naturalised Aussies by the time Australia plays New Zealand in Auckland (September 21), it could unsettle a settled squad.

IT is nothing new to discover several Socceroos and also the Youth Socceroos are very keen to go overseas to play as full-time professionals.

Now, it seems, even the Under 16 players are equally keen.

When the kids returned from the World Under 16 Championship in China, tour leader IAN BRUSASCO admitted: "Most of these youngsters are already talking about playing overseas."

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IF PETER KATHOLOS returns to Australia from Greece, he will be a free agent, able to negotiate the best deal possible for himself.

Before flying to Athens last week to play for Larissa, 'Kat' confirmed that he had bought his own transfer from Sydney Olympic for \$11,000.

Larissa, holders of the Greek Cup, will not be able to ask a transfer fee from any Australian club - but if they transfer Katholos to a club in Europe, there will be a price on his head.

Sydney Olympic will have first refusal of Katholos's services if he does come back here but that is the only restriction placed on him.

THE future of ADRIAN ALSTON will be decided within the next week or so.

Wollongong City's board will meet to decide on their policy for next season and are tipped to ask "Noddy" to stay on.

Alston is keen to keep the job but is making it clear he wants at least two experienced players - preferably from Britain.

"We have the basis of a good side here now but we can't risk going into next season being plagued by relegation again," Alston said.

"The only way to draw crowds in Wollongong is to have a winning side and I am confident I can do this if allowed to sign three new faces."

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GARY SPROUL, West goalkeeper who has been out since April following a knee reconstruction, has thrown away his crutches.

While he is still limping, the burly custodian is confident he will be back fighting for a place in the team for the Ampol Cup summer series.

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SOCCER WEEKLY is really travelling!

Already we are situated in such far away countries as China, England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Fiji, New Zealand, Brazil, Hawaii, West Germany and the USA, not to mention many others.

But this week we broke through another barrier.

When the Youth Socceroos arrived in Russia they were astonished to find 30-ASW's waiting for them at their hotel behind the Iron Curtain.

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CHRIS BAMBRIDGE, the Melbourne referee, rated barely a mention in most papers when he was given the honour of officiating at the Final of the World Under 16 Championship in Beijing.

Some years ago, Tony Boskovic was the first Australian referee to gain world recognition.

Bambridge is carrying on where Bosko left off. Let's hope the Melbourne whistler gets one of the precious places on the refereeing panel for next year's World Cup in Mexico.

ASW is sure Chris wouldn't let us down.

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BUGSY NYSKOHUS, Adelaide City's veteran captain, has taken out an Adelaide newspaper award as SA's outstanding NSL player for 1985.

He beat West captain Graham Honeyman by three votes, but the latter took out another SA media award, plus a weekly's newspaper's award, and has been invited to the inaugural Rothmans NSL Player of the Year Awards, to be held in Sydney next month.

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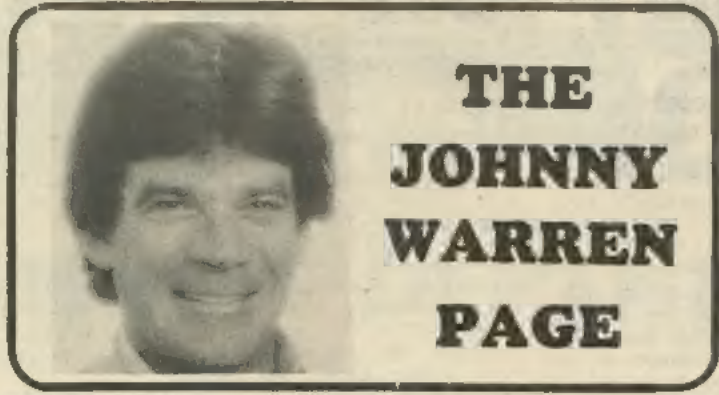
SOUTH MELBOURNE president Jim Diamantaris says each Brisbane NSL club has about six good players.

"Amalgamate the teams and you'd have one good side," is his logical way to solve the problem.

Trouble is, Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City don't fancy that idea one little bit.



Peter Katholos with bouquet in hand, is pictured prior to his last game for Sydney Olympic.



THE JOHNNY WARREN PAGE

WIN THREE FREE SCHOLARSHIPS

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY offers young readers the chance to win scholarships to the JOHNNY WARREN SOCCEROO ACADEMY at Gold Creek Homestead, Canberra, during the forthcoming school holidays.

Three lucky winners will join boys from all over Australia at the Academy, which offers the best value of any soccer camp in Australia.

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War Memorial, Black Mountain Tower, Embassy Row, the old and new Parliament Houses plus attend a Canberra City training session and home game.

Winners announced September. All young readers have to do to enter the competition is send in the following coupon to: Johnny Warren Soccerroo Academy.

Gold Creek Homestead, PO Box 362, Belconnen 2617.

Please note: \$25 discount to ASW readers off normal enrolments.

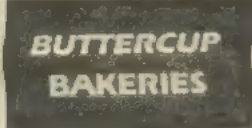
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CANBERRA COME BACK ... AND HOW!

THERE have been some pretty sad soccer related stories recently.

It's a pleasure to report one with a happy ending.

Back in 1977, or late 1976, Canberra City successfully applied to join the newly formed Philips Soccer League of Australia.

Its inclusion made up the numbers for the 14 clubs embarking on a new, progressive and ambitious venture.

In its second season Canberra City, then averaging 6,000-plus fans to the newly opened National Sports Stadium (Bruce) also went into new club premises.

These were later changed to East Row, Civic right in the heart of the national capital.

While nothing fancy, the licensed club served as a meeting place for soccer people and its profits supported its National League team.

Escalating costs associated with competing in the national

competition, declining crowds and other factors saw Canberra City hit the skids.

Debts mounted to such an extent that at the end of the 1981 season, Canberra City had had enough.

Downer Olympic Soccer Club took over the underwriting of the national capital side for the start of the 1982 season and Canberra City or the Soccer Club of Canberra had some big decisions to make.

The end of such stories usually sees the club go to the wall, debts left unpaid and soccer's credibility, especially in a small town like Canberra, take another hiding.

That was the easy way out for the Board.

Go into receiver ship, pay the creditors what you could (which was a total in excess of \$350,000 or a paltry one and a half cents in the dollar) forget about soccer and let the game go to

hell.

Thankfully, led by new president Charles Perkins and foundation soccer and fellow board members like Igor Horilczenko, Neal Hummell, Bill Vandervlist, Cor Beselink, Bob Tarling and Tom Underhill, Canberra City opted other than for the easy way out.

A restructured management, \$400,000 worth of extensions and renovations turned the club overnight into one of the most prestigious clubs in Canberra.

Centrally located, the City Club caters for the business community during the day and is one of the national capital's leading nightspots in the evening offering luxury surrounds, superb food and bar service and is one of the favourite haunts for Canberra's social set.

In three years the City Club has all but paid off its massive debt and is already

contributing to the game's development.

It was the major sponsor of the recent Australian Primary Schools' Soccer Carnival staged in Canberra and fields two teams in the ACT competition.

Next season it will field four senior teams and 10 junior teams from under 7 to 16 years.

And in the longer term it is conceivable that the City Club will be highly supportive of Canberra's National League team.

Which is all a far cry from back in 1982 when it would have been ever so easy to walk away from all the debts and problems and forget about it.

Charles Perkins, his board and management, have performed a minor miracle with such a dramatic turn around and deserve the highest of praise for their efforts from all in soccer.

There should be more stories like the success of the City Club in Canberra.

BELOW: Pictured is the logo on the front of the reborn Canberra City club, John Warren believes their future is bright.

RIGHT: President of the Canberra City club, Charles Perkins is seen delivering the all-important information at a specially arranged press-conference.



BLACKTOWN & DISTRICTS SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Applications are invited for the following positions for the 1986 Soccer season

DIRECTOR OF COACHING

YOUTH LEAGUE COACHES — Under 13, 14, 15 and 16 teams

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP Coaches — Under 11 and 12 teams

LADIES METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP COACHES — OPEN AGE AND JUNIOR

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE ABOVE APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE PRIOR TO TEAM SELECTIONS WHICH COMMENCE IN OCTOBER, 1986.

APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE IN WRITING STATING QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE, TO THE SECRETARY, B.D.S.F.A. P.O. BOX 549, BLACKTOWN 2148

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD STATE PREFERENCE TO THE POSITIONS REQUIRED.

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, 1985

ALSO

THE ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE THAT "YOUTH LEAGUE TRIAL MATCHES" will be held on the following dates Sundays 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th October, 1985 at the Mount Druitt Town Centre Fields, Mount Street, Mount Druitt. Commencing at 10am on each day.

All intending players are required to attend on the above dates.

Should any further information be required please contact the Secretary of the B.D.S.F.A. by telephone on 821 1580.

A.W. LOBLEY,
Honorary Secretary.

The City Club

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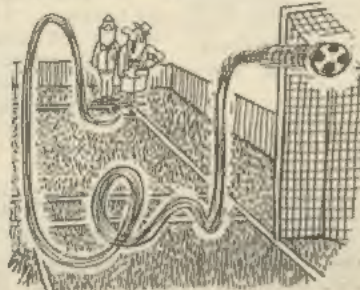
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As many ASW readers have phoned in claiming they have had difficulties in getting more 'Free Trip to Europe' coupons, the drawing of the winner has been held over.

Please check future Soccer Weekly's for details.

ASW apologises for any inconvenience.

"I think I've solved our relegation problem. I've invented a radio-controlled football."



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NORTHAMPTON TOWN have been ordered to close their grandstand and their supporters club because they are fire hazards.

GILLINGHAM's pre-season matches all had to be played behind closed doors because their ground is not considered safe enough for spectators.

"It is a great pity," said chairman Charles Cox, "but our biggest worry is setting all the work on the ground complete before the first serious match."

OVER at Birmingham Gardens, the former Newcastle KB United skipper **ROY DRINKWATER** is playing a top brand of football. Roy reads a game very well and sets some excellent plays.

The club's former coach **OZZIE BEL-LAMY**, who represented Northern NSW as a goalkeeper and brought Australs up out of Second Division last season, has signed on with Thomson Park out of Fourth Division, as a striker. On separate occasions he played for Belmont-Swansea and Weston Workers Bears in that position so it is certainly not new to him.

WHO'S REALLY THE BEST

BY MIKE JOHNSON

THE successful combination of Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson can lay claim to being Australia's best coaching team.

But are they? Who are Australia's best coaches?

Others would push the claims of Les Scheinflug, John Margaritis — is, Len McKendry and Rale Rasic.

Mike Johnson is acquainted with all of them.

He coached with Arok at St George, subsequently taking over from him; he coached as staff with McKendry on senior coaching award courses, against Scheinflug in the NSW State league at the outset of both their coaching careers, against Thomson, Rasic and Margaritis in national league, taking over from Margaritis at West Adelaide.

Mike Johnson today begins a series of articles discussing the capabilities of these top men.

I rate Frank Arok as the best coach in Australia.

That, however, has to be a very subjective judgement.

How can you stack one coach against another and judge whether one is better than the other. You cannot.

It is not a simple judgment like a 100 metre race where the one who comes out in front the most times has to be the best.

Who could overlook Eddie Thomson's great record with Sydney City, Les Scheinflug's international success and his consistent performance at Marconi, or Len McKendry's record with the Victorian State team, followed by a huge impact at Heidelberg and now solid professional success with South Melbourne.

However, I still do believe that Arok is our best and have thought so for several years, even though I wrote against the national team sacking of Scheinflug in favour of Arok. Scheinflug's record with the senior and under 19 team's did not warrant replacement.

Arok has one big plus in his favour to put him forward as our number one.

He has coached far longer than any of the other candidates.

Margaritis and Scheinflug both have coached some 15 years, while Thomson and McKendry are both closer to a decade.

Arok, on the other hand, has close on three decades of coaching experience behind him.

One thing I have learned is that nothing surpasses experience as a means of improving an individual's performance.

Talent is important, as is attitude and application, but given those qualities, experience can make the difference.

Because of his experience, more valuable because it was in Europe, less valuable because it was not always at the highest level, Arok has been an innovator in Australia.

In the '60s, when he first came here, he brought with him of tight man-on-man marking of strikers with a covering sweeper.

Using this system with Manfred Schaefer and Tom Anderson the key defenders and Geoff Bird (now in Canada) as sweeper, Arok had some huge scores with a St George team which the previous year had finished second bottom.

Nevertheless during two years he was unable to win anything, finishing second in the premiership table and in finals. Then he went back home to Novi Sad, in Yugoslavia, where he coached the local second division professional team.

He returned to St George in the early '70s and this time, using the skills of Atti Abonyi, Adrian Alston and John Warren made a clean sweep of almost every trophy in 1973.

The all-conquering St George team supplied eight players to the national team squad which qualified the following year to go to West Germany for the World Cup finals.

Arok's new St George featured constantly attacking full backs, something which has been a feature of all Arok teams since that time.

Saints had three great fullbacks, Harry Williams, George Harris and Doug Utjesenovic all available to that fine club side.

Arok once more left St George to go home and did not return again till the '80s when, as previously, the club was in decline, relegated to State League.

This time Arok brought with him an offside trap he had seen perfected by Belgium in the European championships.

Belgium had pushed all their back players constantly up to the half way line and produced a new form of "pressure defence" with forwards and midfielders "attacking" opposition defenders in their own half.

Using this system was quite novel to Australia, and for half a season Saints got outstanding results, hammering teams by eight and nine goals. However, in time, opposition coaches and teams began to adjust and a fine Croatia team coached by Dom Kapetanovic caught St George and finished top of State League.

This should have taken Croatia into the national league, but

politics intervened and Saints, who beat Croatia in the grand final, went up.

So that was luck for Arok and he took full advantage of it the following season to win the national league.

This was a tremendous performance, built on the skills of many young players and the great ability of Dez Marton.

Since that time St George has struggled somewhat as Arok has brought his great tactical mind to bear on the performances of the Australian team.

Here, once more, his vast experience and observation of teams playing in Italy and other parts of Europe have helped as he plotted the massed central defence and counter attack play that has characterised many recent international games.

These tactics are not unique, indeed, he used them in part on his first visit to Australia in '60s.

His choice of people to occupy the key roles in these teams and his ability to convince his player that the system could get a result, is what has turned the key to success.

Steve O'Connor is not everyone's idea of one of Australia's best sopplers.

But he is fast for a big man, good in the air, hard and highly competitive.

Arok sees these traits as invaluable to his team strategy and is prepared to overlook personal traits that have brought disciplinary measures against O'Connor throughout his career.

Despite what is sometimes said about our skill, Arok knows that it does not measure up to the top full time players of Europe.

He looks to organisation and competitiveness to overcome this deficiency.

Could Les Scheinflug have got such good results against these top teams as Arok has done. Possibly not.

On the other hand Scheinflug has got good results against the middle standard nations such as Israel, and we have to get results against such teams as well as a Spain, Wales or Scotland.

Stopping good teams from playing is sometimes easier than playing good Soccer yourself.

My sureness of his awareness of this danger springs from a high regard for his tactical brain and intelligence.

Of all the coaches I have met in the world, many of a high level, I would put Arok ahead of them all in terms of flair, colour managerial capability and overall intelligence.

QUEENSLAND

VIEW

BY MARK BRIGDEN



WHAT DEPTH!

THE depth of talent in the two Brisbane National League Clubs has forced the Queensland Soccer Federation into action.

Brisbane Lions reserve side look certain to figure prominently in the finals after leading the Premier League competition for most of the year.

While Brisbane City's second team loom as the only threat to runaway champions Wynnum in the Intermediate League grand final.

In view of the frequent changes to the National League teams, through either injuries, suspension or lack of form, it was necessary for the QSF to establish which players were ineligible for the local competition finals.

The QSF Management committee used a formula that counted players NSL appearances, even if they took the field as a substitute as well as the current availabil-

ity of players to make its decision. Much to the relief of the club officials involved, the committee decided to restrict the number ineligible to 13 players per club and came up with the following list:

LIONS: Anderson, Bassingthwaite, Evans, Alan Hunter, David Hunter, Jackson, Niven, Ogden, Tony Redmond, Russell Stewart, John Stewart, Vasquez, Wright.

CITY: Bromfield, Carey, Fabrizio, Glockner, Hamilton, Junna, Mengotti, Milovanovic, Pimblett, Reis, Scriggins, Wishart, Wilkinson.

Brisbane City president John Ciavarella who was disappointed at the ruling out of strikers Peter Carey and Stephen Glockner, said "They were

key figures in the club's hopes to lift the Intermediate League grand final in October."

Indeed the loss of Glockner could be a telling blow to the Intermediate team as the former youth star had just begun to recapture his form after several weeks on the sideline through illness.

Brisbane Lions Secretary, Lawrence Oudendyk, said "We are grateful the QSF has restricted the number of ineligible players to 13", no doubt referring to the growing injury list at the club.

Premier League stars Mick Tonner and Bob McSkimming will be available for the remainder of the season, while Joe Cairney and Jim McDonagh are battling to get back on the field.

ARROWSMITH SIGNS

BRISBANE LIONS have reappointed Gordon Arrowsmith as National Soccer League coach for next season. The committee were quick to sign him up for 1986 after rumours that another NSL club were after his services.

Arrowsmith took over in June last year and had an immediate effect on the team. For the first time in several seasons they began playing to their full potential and were rewarded with a top 5 spot. Unfortunately, they have been unable to repeat that success this year having narrowly missed out on a semi-final place.

The likeable coach, well respected by his players, the media and the public, had considered not ap-

plying for the position next year. He will undertake his Football Association coaching licence in Britain next year and did not want to have to put the club in a position whereby his absence for a few weeks could upset the team. Lions President, John Marcus, said "Gordon's commitment to the coaching course in England next year will create a slight problem but I'm sure we will be able to work out an arrangement. I don't think that there is a coach who could do a better job

for us".

This may assist Lions in retaining the services of their three talented goalkeepers for next season. The National League custodian Wayne Evans has added consistency to his game and has finally silenced his critics. But waiting patiently in the wings have been two of Queensland's best keepers, Brett Beeves and Robby Farrow. Beeves was on loan to Premier League side Aca-

cia Ridge last year and deservedly won the Courier Mail's bet and fairest award.

He has maintained that form this year but has been unable to displace Evans. Farrow is also back to his best form following a spate of injuries over the last twelve months. He was reserve goalkeeper for the state team in 1983 and definitely has a big future ahead of him. All three have been in superb form this year and at least one is anxious to move on to further his career.

TONNER'S TESTIMONIAL?

THE Brisbane Lions National League Soccer team could play a benefit in North Queensland for gutsy midfielder Mick Tonner who was forced into pre-mature retirement with a serious back injury.

Tonner, 21, has a cracked vertebrae in his lower back, and has been advised by doctors that he risks severing the spinal cord if he plays again.

The tough, hard-working midfielder, who earlier this year won the title of Brisbane's four-code football ironman, was considered the likely replacement in the Lions NSL team for Young Socceroo Richard Bassingthwaite.

"I am still in a bit of shock at the moment. I guess it hasn't really sunk in that I won't play again," Tonner said.

Tonner, who first injured his back in an Ampol Cup match against Bundaberg two months ago, then aggravated it again during a fall at training, intends moving back to his home city of Townsville.

"I will go home at the end of this season because I only came to

Brisbane to further my soccer career, if I am not going to play again then I'd sooner be in Townsville. I probably will coach there next season.

But Lions officials, equally stunned by the discovery of Tonner's serious injury, hope to assist the unlucky and likeable Tonner.

The club believes more than \$5000 could be raised in a benefit match in Townsville.

Lions took part in a

promotion in Central Queensland a week ago and attracted a huge crowd.

"Mick has certainly been an ideal club man and we are looking to help him any way we can," Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said.

Tonner's only hope of playing again is a bone graft operation. But there is no guarantee the operation would be a success and it would still give him only a slim chance of playing again.



Steve Glockner, controls the ball in front of Souths', Steve Blair. His absence at City will be felt.

ALAN VESSEY AWAY

QSF Secretary, Alan Vessey, is in Taiwan as part of an official party conducting a series of lectures on topics ranging from administration to sports medicine. Whilst there he will sound out the possibility of future matches against Taiwan.

The highly successful state tour of Fiji in May has encouraged the QSF to look at either Fiji, Papua New Guinea or Taiwan as a rival for Queensland next season if the Soccerroos qualify for next year's World Cup.

The thinking behind this is that the majority of the NSW side would be committed to the World Cup campaign and thus the interstate clash could be a non-event.

"If Australia is tied

down to World Cup commitments, then we would have to look at alternatives. We would look in the South Pacific region for a team" Vessey said.

It definitely would be a good promotion although it would be interesting to see the state side take on Victoria to give our boys the chance to prove that they are every bit as good as the heralded Melbourneites.



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Joe Cairney — still injured.

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ELASTOPLAST SPORTS TRAINERS' CAMP TACKLES MAJOR PROBLEM FOR AUSTRALIAN SPORT

SMITH and Nephew (the Elastoplast people) and the University of New England, encouraged by the success of their first joint venture last January, have announced details of another Sports Trainers Camp to be held in Armidale next January.

The Camp is a response to the growing concern among parents, teachers, club officials, coaches and the media about sports injuries.

Director of the Elastoplast Sports Trainers' Camps, Doctor Bill Webb, believes that many sports injuries would have less serious consequences and would occur less frequently if schools and clubs had their own qualified sports trainers.

"Sports trainers are responsible for the primary, basic, prevention, recognition and management of sports injuries," explained Doctor Webb.

"Sports trainers also have an understanding of aspects of physical fitness, fitness evaluation, personal care, hygiene and nutrition."

Doctor Webb is a leading sports medicine specialist.

He is the immediate past president of the Australian Sports Medicine Federation and his experience covers all levels from Little Athletics to first grade Sydney Soccer, Rugby League and Rugby Union, World Championship Rowing and the Olympic Games.

At the Elastoplast Sports Trainers' Camp, Doctor Webb will be working with a highly qualified staff assembled from all over Australia.

Three members of the staff were looking after Australia's Olympic Team in Los Angeles.

The Elastoplast Sports Trainers' Camp caters for all levels of ability and experience.

Participants, who wish, are prepared for the Level 1 or Level 2 Australian Sports Trainers Scheme Certificates.

The Camp also has much to offer the growing band of enthusiastic fitness buffs who need to know how the body works and how to avoid and cope with minor injuries.

Doctor Webb explained that next January's Elastoplast Sports Trainers' Camp provides a unique opportunity because it is integrated with the East-West Airlines' National Sports Camps.

"Trainees will have opportunities for on-field assessment of sports injuries and extensive guided clinical experience," said Doctor Webb.

"Through total involvement in a week's live-in situation, trainees will be able to study the specific needs of a wide range of sports and fitness activities, including the special requirements of junior competitors."

Doctor Webb feels that the Elastoplast Sports Trainers Camps are clearly

meeting an important need.

"I am particularly encouraged by the number of sports clubs which sponsored members to last January's Camp," added Doctor Webb.

Participants in the Elastoplast Sports Trainers' Camps reside on campus at the University of New England in comfortable single rooms adjacent to the facilities used for the East-West Airlines' National Sports Camps.

They have access to a wide range of recreation facilities which includes squash courts, synthetic tennis courts, badminton courts, weight training rooms; a heated indoor pool and a fitness trail which takes advantage of the University of New England's beautiful bushland setting at 1,000 metres above sea level in the Northern Tablelands.

A spokesman for the University advised that places on the Elastoplast Sports Trainers' Camp are limited and that applications close at the East-West Airlines National Sports Camps Office at the University of New England in Armidale on 31st October (067 72 8811).



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Doctor Bill Webb (centre) is seen at work on a youngsters' hamstring at the 1985 Elastoplast Sports Trainers' Camp at the University of New England.



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SYDNEY CROATIA — The Professionals!

NSW Combined High Schools

AT the recent NSW Combined High Schools Championships held at Cromer Park a relatively young side was selected to represent NSW at the Commonwealth Bank Australian Schools Soccer Championships to be held in Canberra from the 3rd to the 7th September, 1985.

NSW are the current National Schools Champions after being undefeated in this event in Hobart in 1984. Four players from the 1984 team have been selected again in 1985 and they should create a stable influence on the teams newcomers.

The team has already been training for several weeks and three trial matches have already been played. Against the Under 19 representa-

tive team from Hestia, West Germany the result was a convincing 3-0 win and against the ACT combination in Canberra an exciting 2-1 draw was played under difficult conditions. A game was also played against a combined APLA Leichhardt first grade and Under 19 side with Leichhardt running out 2-1 winners in a fairly free flowing game. Other Sydney matches have been scheduled.

Once again in 1985 the NSW team will be playing a series of lead up games in New Zealand where it is hoped to play a selected national New Zealand where it is hoped to play a selected national New Zealand schoolboys team.

NSW Coach Glenn Powell said that their New Zealand games proved invaluable to the teams preparation last year and he hopes the 1985 will also be-

nefit from the games, training and the team spirit created by this time together.

NSW Combined High Schools have been greatly supported in their 1985 preparations by Patrick Sports Sales, Four R Sportsworld, Tiger, Marconi Soccer Club, APLA Leichhardt, The National Sports Centre Canberra, Sydney Olympic, Penrith City, Canterbury Council and the Commonwealth Bank Travel Service.

Here's the team:



ALFREDO CARMONA
SCHOOL: ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: MARCONI

Alfredo plays either fullback or midfield and has a high workrate in either position. He is always ready to keen to support his team mates in attack. He was in the NSW CHS team in 1984 and also selected in the Australian Schools team that year.

but in recent years has given most of his time to coaching within the Combined High Schools



CRAIG FOSTER
SCHOOL: KADINA HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: GOONELLABAH

Craig is a talented midfielder who is capable of moving into other positions. Although only 16 he has previously represented Northern NSW at Under 18 level and is a member of the Australian U/16 Kodak Cup team.



CON KATSIMARDOS
SCHOOL: JAMES COOK HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: CRETEAN YOUTH

Con is a goalkeeper who showed plenty of ability during the CHS Championships. He has sharp reflexes and should prove a great asset to the squad.



BRIAN ELLEM
(CAPTAIN)
SCHOOL: ASQUITH HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: KUR-RING-GAI

Brian is a regular first grade player at Kur-ring-gai and is an exceptionally talented midfielder. He tackles strongly, is alert to players in support and has a strong shot. Brian was also a member of the NSW CHS team in 1984.



RICHARD VAN DE VEERDONK
SCHOOL: CORRIMAL HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: TARRAWANNA U/19

Richard is a strong and capable defender. Generally playing in the centre Richard marks his opponents tightly and is always looking to create something in attack.



ENRIQUE MONSLAVE
SCHOOL: FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: MARCONI

Ricky is a strong midfielder player who is an effective ball winner. He distributes well and loves coming forward to use his powerful shot from either foot.



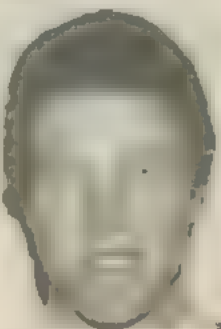
PAUL QUARMBY
SCHOOL: GREYSTANES HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: BLACKTOWN CITY

Paul is a midfielder player but is capable of playing in any position on the field. He is a strong tackler and alert distributor of the ball. Paul represented NSW in the Under 18 Championships this year.



ANTOINE AVELLINO
SCHOOL: NORTHMEAD HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: MELITA EAGLES

Antoine is a capable and confident goalkeeper who directs play and takes abilities in the CHS Championships as his team Metropolitan West won the carnival.



SCOTT OLLERENSHAW
SCHOOL: NARWEE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: ST GEORGE

Scott is a speedy striker who fights hard for the ball. He is constantly looking to make space and aid his team mates. Scott is another player who was in the NSW Under 18 Team.



JASON WHANT
SCHOOL: BLAXLAND HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: NEPEAN U/16 YOUTH TEAM

Jason is a versatile defender who can play at fullback or in the central defence. He is quick to the ball keen to support players and shows a mature attitude to the game.



SCOTT WATSON
SCHOOL: BLAKEHURST HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: ST GEORGE

Scott is a forward who is a very active player, ready to take advantage of any opportunity presenting itself. Scott played for NSW CHS in 1984 and was selected in the Australian Schools team.



JASON VAN BLERK
SCHOOL: CONDELL PARK HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: LEICHHARDT

Jason is a powerful runner onto the ball with a strong left foot shot. He is capable as a midfielder or forward and represented NSW in the recent Under 18 Championships.



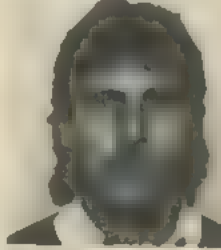
GAVIN PARRY
SCHOOL: BOORAGUL
CLUB: ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUDS

Gavin plays in the central defence from where he reads the game well. He is an intelligent player who can easily get the team moving from defence to attack.



GLENN POWELL
COACH:
SPORTS ORGANISER
LIVERPOOL REGION

Glenn was coach of the undefeated NSW Combined High Schools team of 1984. He has previously been involved in coaching with grade and youth teams at Sydney Olympic and Riverwood



MICHAEL GRBEVSKI
SCHOOL: JAMES COOK HIGH SCHOOL
CLUB: ST GEORGE

Michael is a capable midfielder or forward with a sharp turn of speed with leads to many goal scoring opportunities. Michael is a prolific goal scorer who takes advantage of the chances he gets



SCOTT GRANT
SCHOOL: EAST HILLS BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Scott is not playing with a club at present, but would be a fine addition to any team at fullback or in midfield. He was a member of the victorious NSW CHS team of 1984 and was also selected in the Australian Schools Team of that year.

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SYDNEY CROATIA SUPER YOUTH

THE "KAT's" GONE

BY JOHN BUCHANAN

SYDNEY CROATIA is one club that has brought a new lease of life to senior Soccer and now hopes to do the same with Youth Soccer, to be able to produce future NSL players

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Georges Hall, NSW. 2198.

Closing date August 31.

Telephone Mr Gili, 727-0748, or Mr Wozniak 642-5471.



The "Kat" signed for an Australian record signing-on fee of \$90,000 to go and play for the Greek Cup Champions.

Prior to departure, I went to visit Peter at his sports store in the Sydney suburb of Marrickville for a short chat

"Do you realise that my signing-on fee of \$90,000 is the highest contract offered to an Australian player?" the Kat said

Born 18.3.61, Peter started his junior career with Marrickville Olympic before being transferred to St George for a fee of \$5,500 in 1979. But when the Saints were relegated for 1980, Sydney Olympic jumped in and snatched the "Kat".

In 1979, Peter won selection in the Australian Youth team and travelled under the captaincy of Ian Rowden to South America for World Youth Elimination matches with his close friend and national teammate, Alan Davidson

Davidson is currently playing with England First Division side, Nottingham Forest.

"If I didn't go now and try to make it overseas, it would be too late," Peter said.

"It's always been my ambition to make it overseas in the big-time stuff so now that I was offered this contract with Larissa, I grabbed it"

Travelling with the "Kat" to Greece, is his English fiancée, Margaret

"She will be a great moral support for me over there."

Peter's biggest disappointment in Soccer so far was the fact that Frank Arok dropped him from the National team

"That was very hard for me to take," Katholos lamented

"I can honestly say though, that while I'm in Greece, I certainly wish the Australian lads the very best in their World Cup qualifying matches against New Zealand, Israel and China-Taipei. It will be very hard for them but I think they will make it"

Katholos went on to say: "With a top quality, hard as steel player of the calibre of David Ratcliffe, together with Mar-

shall Soper, John Kosmina, Zarko Odzakovic etc, I rather fancy Australia's chances in the World Cup qualifiers

"But as I said before, it's going to be mighty tough going for them

"Israel and New Zealand are tough customers. Israel has been doing all their preparation in Germany and are highly technical and very well organised

"The New Zealanders will be very physical and probably are going to be rough and dirty in Auckland in September. It will be a matter of which team puts the ball down and plays Soccer who will win."

When I asked Peter who in his football career influenced or helped him greatly, he quickly flashed back with

"Uncle Joe Vlasits and Raul Blanco as well as Walter Tamandl were all a great help to me. That's what the game sadly lacks now Quality coaches for the youngsters."

A fitness fanatic, Peter plays Tennis, Squash and Table Tennis in his spare

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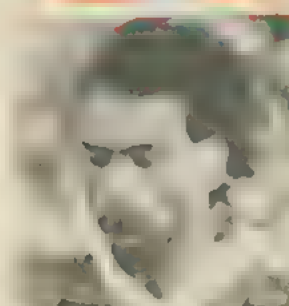
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WITH TOM MCKAIN

GOOD QUOTES FROM SAM PAPASAVAS

ADELAIDE's two National Soccer League clubs appear to have become the pawns in a game of change being played by some Victorian and NSW clubs.

It is very simple to play from West and City's end — vote with us and you stay in the league.

Vote against us and there may be no league.

It is now becoming clearer that a big push, led by South Melbourne, is on to see the departure of the Brisbane clubs from the NSL, or at least from the Southern Division.

And while NSL chairman, Mr Sam Papasavas, does not see anything as drastic as that, he did concede there could be changes.

"There is no doubt we have had a disastrous year as far as crowds are concerned, and the international series interruptions did nothing to help our cause," he said when asked to comment on the moves for changes.

"It is something we on the executive must look into, and we will listen to what the clubs have to say.

"But the plan from some quarters to revert to a one-league competition of 14 teams may not be the answer.

"We have tried that, we have tried 16 teams then we tried the Conferences and the Challenge rounds, and finally came up with the present Southern and Northern Divisions."

Melbourne clubs are claiming that the return to see Sydney teams at their grounds would lift gates there and in Adelaide.

Mr Papasavas pointed out that under the Challenge system Sydney teams did visit Victoria and SA and vice versa.

"But we all know that because not all the teams met each other twice there were complaints," he said.

"And it must also be remembered that we split the competition into two divisions to save costs on travel which were crippling clubs.

"And finally the clubs agreed to stick to this format for three years.

"Even if a vote is taken and the majority go for a 14-team league it has to go before all States, and also the Australian Soccer Federation.

"Once we get the World Cup qualifying games out of the way we will sit down and take a look at the overall picture."

And part of that picture is certain to be the visits by overseas teams and the international series.

The latter have been

tremendous for the Socceroos, but have played havoc with the NSL.

And with each one reported to have been run at a loss, it is hard to understand how the ASF can keep staging them.

Apart from the costs involved, the NSL clubs also want to be compensated for the disruption to their competition and the use of their players.

This is another sore point, with ASF vice-chairman Mr Tony Labbozzetta claiming that the ASF marketing division did not honour a promise to pay clubs compensation.

Looking from the outside it would appear some officials



Sam Papasavas presenting the National Cup.

in the NSL are going round in circles.

New ones come into the game at top level and suggest formats which have already been tried.

Derby matches were supposed to solve all the ills.

They haven't. More teams were

supposed to attract more people.

They haven't. Now the move is all the way back to a 14-team league.

We can only hope sanity will prevail, and that the Socceroos can qualify for the World Cup finals in Mexico next year.

That way, the NSL may be saved.



Pictured here is Sam Papasavas (right) and ASF vice-chairman, Tony Labbozzetta during a Rothmans medal award night.

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL BOWEN

FAIRY MEADOW coach John Fleming was all smiles after his team's recent 1-0 win over Avala — all because he made a successful substitution he never really intended.

After 70 minutes he had intended going on himself to take over from midfielder Mick Richardson.

"At that stage I started to feel off-colour and decided against going on and Maurizio Montecchi took my place," Fleming said.

The game was scoreless with four minutes to go and Montecchi grabbed a goal to give the Coast team the two points.

Some coaches just have that magic touch...

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Illawarra Association officials have come under fire this season for staging match of the day promotions in opposition to Wollongong City home games.

The critics claim all ISA premier league games should be played on Saturday giving the Wolves a chance to draw a decent crowd on Sundays.

Even when Wollongong played Blacktown in the all-important relegation decider, the ISA put on a match of the day in opposition.

Strangely it was the Cringila-Tarrawanna game which was of no real interest to anyone.

To make matters worse, Wollongong Macedonia were at home that day and the Macedonia committee were also put out by the decision.

Macedonia and Cringila have been battling for virtually the same group of supporters all season.

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Alan Walton is the latest Illawarra referee to be the target of idiot spectators.

Walton was struck with a rock thrown by a spectator after the Warilla Wanderers-Bellambi match.

He had rejected appeals by Warilla players and supporters for a penalty near the end of the game which ended in a 2-2 draw.

The ISA have opened an inquiry into the incident and Warilla club faces a heavy fine and the possibility of being placed on a bond.

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Shellharbour officials can always call on one of their younger players if they have trouble getting the gate money to tally.

For their game against Fernhill they brought up under 19 player Paul Keating to the midfield in first grade.

Described as a hard-working, but small, midfielder, Keating acquitted himself well in his debut even though Shellharbour lost 5-1.

Shellharbour spokesman Otto Bader assures us Keating isn't related to the bloke who looks after the purse-strings in Canberra.

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NORTHERN NSW Director of Coaching KEN KAISER has certainly not been idle since taking over from **JIM FOLEY** who moved to North Queensland. He has conducted a number of coaching courses and has an almost full programme up to the end of the year. In addition he has undertaken coaching duties with teams representing Northern NSW.



'OZ HEROES OF THE PAST'

JOHN WARREN was the epitome of Australian soccer and it was no wonder he went on after his more than illustrious career into coaching juniors through shows such as *Captain Socceroo*.

You could safely call Warren's move to St. George in the late 60's one of the bargains of the Australian soccer century, he joined the club in an exchange deal with Canterbury.

With Saints he grew into one of the best known soccer stars this country has produced.

Originally a striker, John later settled in a midfield role from where he captained club and country, taking part in three World Cup campaigns between 1965 and 1974.

One of the far too rare talents in the game, Warren had his own rhythm set to an invisible, built-in metronome, sweeping him across the ground and setting the pace for his team.

Perhaps his greatest performance ever, came in Seoul against South Korea and against Greece in Sydney, the game Australia won 3-1, where he looked like a world star and gained the admiration of opponents as well as his own numerous fans.

John is now a much esteemed soccer official, attending a multitude of functions and business meetings. He has also furthered his development in the media, writing for *Australian Soccer Weekly*, *The Sun Herald* and working on television.

He is also keenly involved with junior soccer players as his soccer scholarships prove.

JUNIOR SCENE



with
TONY RACITI

COUNTRY REP TEAMS DOMINATE ACT

THE New South Wales Amateur Soccer Federation's country representative teams dominated their Canberra counterparts last month in matches played at Glen Park Oval in Albury.

After having won five matches and drawn three, the country rep sides for the second year running were awarded the Jack Gray Memorial Trophy.



THE NSW ASF COUNTRY U13 SQUAD

Shane Jervis Southern Tablelands, Andrew French Southern Tablelands, Ted Henderson Southern Tablelands, Phillip Hay Shoalhaven, Mark Devries Shoalhaven, Michael Preston Macarthur, Lawrence Capice Macarthur, Chris Hughes Macarthur, Jason Rooke (Keeper) Bathurst '75, Michael Cleary Bathurst '75, Greg Limon Bathurst Dist., Pat Calabria Griffith, Greg Chipman Griffith, Michael Mositano Griffith, Tony Pangallo Griffith, Glamol Pasin Griffith, Lindsay Cosgrove (Manager) Southern Tablelands, Danny Himbrechts (Coach) Macarthur.



THE U14 SQUAD CONSISTS OF:

Martin Reilly Southern, Carl McGann (Capt) Riverina, Shaun Morse Riverina, Anthony Denison Southern, Geoffrey Fowler Southern, Simon Sprague Southern, Mrk Rochow Riverina, Patrick Duffy Southern, Raymond Newman Riverina, Paul Taylor Southern, Lorenzo Bertazzo Riverina, Darrion Lambert Southern, David Lowe Southern, Peter Preston Southern, Callan Blackwell Southern, John Weston Southern, David Ahearn (Coach), G. Thompson (Manager).

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RON BEAUMONT

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A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The split-up is a first prize of \$500, second \$250, third and fourth \$100 each and a consolation prize of \$50.

The prizes go to the five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and soccer organisations who make the best contributions to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the publishing period this year to September 30.

Contribution can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white although colour snaps are usually satisfactory as well.

The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

MELITA EAGLES PROMOTED INTO THE FIRST DIVISION OF THE YOUTH LEAGUE

MELITA EAGLES players, officials, managers and coaches are still celebrating their fine achievement of being one of two clubs who in 1986 will be playing in the first division of the Youth League.

Melita this season were graded in Group B of the NSW Youth League competition, a decision that did not please their loyal and hard working officials.

But instead of complaining, Melita set about their task in organising four competitive squads, and

as such the can now be justifiable proud of their performances.

At the start of the season, club official Bob Harris said that the club's main aim was to steer their youth teams into the top division of the competition.

As is the case now

that aim was fully achieved, and Melita deserve their place in Group A, as they have the facilities and administration to conduct the organising of four top notch Youth sides.

Pictured is the Under 13 Melita team who have been promoted for 1986



BACK ROW: (l to r) Hans Juhart (Mgr), Aldo Barbaro, Garry Comerford, Mark Vandewater, Andrew Pocock, Matthew Sale, David Vaiarella, Robert Varela (Coach) FRONT ROW: Darren Fenech, Ali Senol, Rick Ianello, Dirk Lievert, Andrew Juhart, David Bertram.

BEAUMONT'S AMBITIONS

THE pinnacle for referee Ron Beaumont each year is the solution to the problem of who are the top cadets of the year.

The decisions are made at the end of season junior championship matches when lads who could be future FIFA referees are picked out.

Another one of Ron Beaumont's activities is to support the group of cadets who have been going to Fiji in recent years.

The idea is to bring cadet refereeing into being in Fiji to help the growth of the game there.

Ron first refereed in the NSW Churches FA at the age of sixteen

BY FRANK FINLAY

and apart from that he also played for 11 years until 1971.

He joined Gladesville-Hornsby referees in 1970 and after a long term as secretary he was elected president this year.

In the administrative field this 45-year-old with a wife and two children he excelled.

In the state field he was made a delegate to the AASRF NSW Division in 1972 and five years later he was

elected secretary.

His interest is deeply in the 34 referees' associations throughout the state.

He has handled early fixtures to internationals, NSL Youth League and many NSW Soccer Federation matches.

But his top ambition is to promote the cause of boys and girls referees in the city to bigger and better things in soccer.

Ron, you have earned a new gold-plated whistle!

BAN COMPETITIVE SOCCER UNDER 12 DOWNWARDS

JUNIOR soccer's major progress over the past few years has been the advent of non-competitive matches for youngsters playing the game at the ages of seven and eight.

To all those who can remember the days of young boys playing on a full sized pitch, with eleven a side there would definitely be no going back.

Unfortunately there is yet to be a junior Association in New South Wales which is prepared to go all the way and eliminate competitive matches for youngsters up and until the age of twelve.

Until this day arrives, most players in this country will never achieve the skills and ability of players in the major soccer nations in the world.

Most junior soccer coaches who guide teams from the age of six through to Under 12s, stress on their players to kick the ball as hard as far as possible, and to follow through and chase it.

This style of play, kick and run, can be very effective within these age groups, as most teams at this level have either one or two front running strikers who stand head and shoulders above their team mates.

Coaches enforce this style of play on the youngsters in their control so as to produce a winning combination.

But at the same time, players in this age group are afraid to attempt to dribble or pass, for fear of being abused by their coach, and parents.

Unless competitive soccer is eliminated from Under 6s through to Under 12s players will never develop properly.

The small sided games were set up up some years ago by prominent youth coach David Lee. He is to be applauded for his foresight.

Very close attention was given to scaling down team numbers, playing area and goal sizes to ensure that young players had football in proportion to their size and development.

Mainly Warringah and Ku-ring-gai Associations were the first to introduce six a side soccer to these young players.

The other main point and obviously the absolute objective was to remove the competition element and give young players the opportunity to express themselves and to play 'just for fun'.

Reaction of club officials, parents and the Associations has been more than favourable and a typical example, repeated hundreds of times every Saturday morning, is seen pictured.

Six a side mini soccer has provided increased participation for all the boys independent of their various strengths. Some boys are stronger than others, but it has been proved that all boys get more 'feel' of the ball in the game with these scaled down

fields, and a complete disregard for a win at all costs attitude.

Ideas of continuing this non-competitive form of soccer to older age groups has been mentioned over the past few years. Now is the time to discuss these matters with your club and raise them for discussion at Association level.

The sooner we introduce non-competitive soccer for youngsters Under the age of twelve, the better the game in this country will be.

As it stands now players in this age group are placed under enormous pressure to gain results and win championships, when instead the main aim should be to develop players who can fully control a ball and be able to knock the ball anywhere on the field as they so desire.

As it stands now, and you can witness it yourself any Saturday during the winter months, in any of the thousands of sporting grounds around the State, players just belting the ball first time and chasing.

It would be interesting what the views of the thousands of parents involved in the game would be on this subject.

In next week's issue we will attempt to gauge the feelings of coaches in this age group and what the thoughts of our leading junior officials are on this matter.



THE U/13 COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

ILLAWARRA PROVE YET AGAIN THEY ARE A STRONG JUNIOR REGION

ILLAWARRA have shown through their results this season that their region has an abundance of young soccer talent in their area.

The Illawarra Under 15 side made the semi-finals of the Youth League, only to be eliminated by Sydney Olympic in a replay.

Their Under 13 side made the Grand Final, but on the day were beaten 3-2 by Marconi in the Metropolitan championship.

Pictured below is the 1985 Illawarra Under 13 squad. From left to right: Ray Dowd (Coach), Tony Grveski, Tony Besevski, Angelo Placentini, John Krishna (Manager), Shayne Luck, Philip Dennison, Adam Gray, Nigel Noffke, Stephen Krishna, Shane Williams, Marc Price, Robert Phillips, Jason Gava (Captain), Terence Dowd, Scott Dawes.



STATE PLAY-OFFS

QUALIFYING play-off results for State Championships to be held next month.

Under 16s — Sydney Olympic 3 Nepean 2.

Under 15s — Illawarra 2 St George 0.

Under 14s — Apia Leichhardt v Central Coast (Central Coast forfeit).

Under 13s — Blacktown 1 Sydney City 1 To be replayed.

Clubs who qualified

Under 13s — 1. Marconi, 2. Illawarra 3. Blacktown City or Sydney City.

Under 14s — 1. Sydney Olympic or Melita (replay for Metropolitan Championship) 3. Apia Leichhardt.

Under 15s — 1. Sydney Olympic 2. Apia Leichhardt 3. Illawarra.

Under 16s — 1. Marconi 2. Apia Leichhardt 3. Sydney Olympic.

VALENTINE CREATES A STRONG HOME FOR JUNIORS

THOUSANDS of New South Wales boys can be thankful that American born Charlie Valentine came to Australia with the United States Army in 1943 and decided to stay.

For it is through the efforts of Charlie Valentine that every junior soccer club in this State can truly say that they have a sporting complex for the use of all clubs — that is the headquarters of the New South Wales Federation of Soccer Clubs — Parklea.

Parklea has given junior soccer in this State a monumental boost, as it has created a home for the numerous country representative and club sides who travel to Sydney to participate in the various State tournaments.

In past seasons billets for country players, at times have been a difficulty, but with Parklea, if an emergency was to arise the problem would be easily solved.

Charlie always had a dream for this State to have a proper soccer coaching complex. He interested the NSW Soccer Federation, and now 26 acres has grown to 65 and the main building and its indoor stadium, as well as the playing fields are simply first class.

Charlie is now in his 70th year, but you will always find him keeping things moving so that boys receive the best possible coaching and match facilities.

Charlie Valentine, along with the many other people involved in the game who have shared his enthusiasm, should be congratulated for their efforts in giving our game a complex which is without a doubt the envy of those other football codes.



THE U/15 SQUAD CONSISTS OF:

Graeme McCormack Southern, Vincent Bates Southern, Glen Starr Southern, Craig Jones Western, Paul Ottaway Southern, Jason Zammitt Southern, John Taylor Southern, Collins Raymond Southern, Russell Millar Southern, Carlo Villani Riverina, Craig Cartwright Riverina, Derek Cidrius Southern, Richard Crisp Western, Michael Lappan Western, Carney Vaughan Southern, Frank Finlay Jr (Capt) Riverina, Jason Lilliebridge Southern, Tony Anastasi (Coach), Karl Posselt (Manager).



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Sydney, NSW.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ALMIGHTY?

Dear Sir,

I feel the need to express my opinions and views on the dramatic downfall of the famous APIA Club. I've tried to put off writing this letter. However I can't wait any longer.

I am a known official of the club and give it all my support at all times. I'm deeply worried about the current situation

The team is performing very poorly, languishing at the bottom of the table for most of the season. Bad performances and games I've never criticised — after all we are all human and no-one's perfect.

However, due to reasons unknown, some players are always in the first grade side every week, however they perform. This club has the best youth and junior soccer record in NSW, but what happens to these players?

Established players such as Paul Carter and Ian Gray have been allowed to leave the club after just breaking into the grade (not to mention 'veteran' stars such as John Bradley and Peter Tredinnick being forced to leave).

Last season we had youngsters such as Vince Colagiuri, Tony Genovese, Paul Maresso, Carlo Spina, Frank Speranza and Gary van Egmond turning in brilliant performances for the youth side, being expected to be promoted to the first grade, especially as the NSL side fails to perform week in, week out

Vince Colagiuri and Tony Genovese are continued to be overlooked in the sinkers dept. — Incredible with the pathetic forwards the club has Carlo Spina spends most of his time sitting next to the coach on the subs. bench Paul Maresso turns in blunders every week in the youth games — surely he is ready for an NSL chance. Frank Speranza and Gary van Egmond have both been allowed to leave the club — both formidable strikers full of potential — however they had to wait so long for a chance, as did Ali Reda, Aust. Schoolboy representative

Why I, and so many other officials and supporters are infuriated, is that these youngsters, who have proved themselves at youth level, are not given a chance to establish themselves at NSL level — ESPECIALLY as the current team fielded every week performs so miserably. Bobby Catlin is the only player to rise from junior football and establish himself after being given an opportunity. I only hope and pray this club can be great again by not throwing away talent.

Worried but supportive official

ED - To be fair to Apia most of their youngsters were given chances and on occasions failed to perform — maybe because of the pressures that built up at the club. I, like you, feel Colagiuri and Genovese were used far too infrequently. Apia must now regroup and get ready for next season.

THE OBSTACLE TO SUCCESS?

Dear Sir,

THERE is one obstacle which, above all else, will stop soccer from becoming Australia's national sport — the NSL clubs' ethnic names.

A few times this season we have seen NSL players on TV explaining their choice of a new club, "I'm Greek, so I joined Sth Melbourne Hellas" etc. I know that most players don't mind what nationality supports the club they play for, but spectators are much more sensitive in this area. If I supported Marconi, people would say, "Why do you support them? You're not Italian!" and I find it hard to imagine a Croatian saying, "I support Sydney Olympic because Pratten Park is closer to home than the Croatian Sports Centre." If ethnic groups feel that they must only support their "national" team, how can we expect the rank-and-file Anglo Aussie to support a "foreign" team?

I realise that at the moment the NSL's non-British supporters are its lifeblood, and nothing should be done which would drive them away, but that does not change the fact that the NSL will always be anaemic (to continue the allusion) without the support of all the ethnic groups in each club's area

Even if the clubs behind the scenes don't change, the teams should be separate enough to have a name acceptable to any Australian citizen. You might think that this wouldn't make any difference, but ask the average Aussie what Sydney City was called before, and he wouldn't know. I've been interested in the NSL for the last four years, and I only recently found out that the Brisbane and Adelaide teams are of ethnic origin, so how could the man in the street guess?

The way to make soccer acceptable to all people is to make each team acceptable to any person, and the key lies in the names

Daryl Stenhouse,
Wentworthville, NSW.

ED - It is hard to say whether name changes would help — I myself doubt it and could see it as only hindrance.

There's nothing wrong with ethnic names as long as the support is large and well behaved



Vince Colagiuri on the ball for Apia — he was used much too sparingly says an Apia official.

BUDDING OZ PLAYER

Dear Sir,

I am not sure if you publish a news bulletin, like some other associations.

If so, would you please publish my wish to play in Australia.

Leon Brown: wing/striker/midfield.
Clubs: Arsenal FC age 13-17 Year 1978-1982 junior. Bristol Rovers FC age 17-19 Year 1982-1984 professional. Herning Fremad (Denmark) age 19 1984-1985 professional. Uppsala Nas IK (Sweden) age 19 1985 pro/semi-pro

Clubs who are interested
Contact myself ... 021 523 3953. My agent ... Hans Barkfocot Sporting Holidays Box 10098 750 10 Uppsala 10 Sweden Tel: 018 30 1377.

References:— Tommy Cavanagh former Manchester United Assistant Manager, coached, George Best, Denis Law, Bobby Charlton, Gordon Hill, etc. now coaching Burnley FC. Home N° Leyland 0274 455 1215 Burnley FC N° 0282 27777 and 0282 3801 or Bobby Charlton/Ray Whelan coaching director Bobby Charlton Soccer School, Abney Hall, Cheadle, Cheshire. Tel: 061 491 3120.

Leon Brown,
Birmingham, England.

ED - Pretty fair credentials. Go for your lives clubs!

REPLY TO REPLY

Dear Sir,

LET'S please state the facts!

In recent issues I read comments from R. G. Horsley Park and a somewhat cynical reply from Kenny Sansom, Manly.

Considering that neither tells the story fully, I think it only fair, to present the facts of the matter to you and your readers.

The argument is about the first round competition match between Melita (home team) and Avala

The 1st and 2nd Grade matches were being played on the Wednesday night, with the 3rd Grade game being set down for the following night (Thursday)

The 2nd Grade due to injuries and the early 6pm start, could not field a full team. (After all, the players do have regular jobs and not all of them could make the early kick-off time.) Four 3rd Grade players were asked to fill in. One played, three were on the bench.

They are 3rd Graders, as they had played all the matches prior to the Melita game in 3rd Grade and they are still playing 3rd Grade now

This fact was pointed out to the NSW Fed. It was also pointed out that Melita had their 3rd Grade goalkeeper on the 2nd Grade team sheet. He also played 3rd Grade the day after. Avala won the game by a clear 3-1. Melita protested and were

awarded the match as a 1-0 win.

These are the full facts and they can easily be verified by the team sheet records

This letter is not a complaint about the NSW Fed. ruling, which was obviously dictated by the statutes, but it does give your readers the full facts, as they must have wondered what the initial fracas was all about.

P.S. The second round match between these two teams ended in a 2-2 draw. The Melita goalkeeper for the return match had been playing first grade the week before, the regular 3rd Grade keeper was in second grade

Unlike Melita, we did not complain about the stacking of 3rd Grade, as we believe games are won and lost on the park and NOT in the protest room.

Ben Schmitz,
Cabramatta, NSW.

ED - Thanks for giving us the facts, it seems Kenny Sansom can play for England and still not know anything about the NSW State League — Third Grade competition!

SILLY SANSOM AGAIN!

Dear Sir,

I am writing about Kenny Sansom's reply to R.G.'s letter.

I am a team-mate and I want to tell Mr Sansom not to comment on this situation

when he does not know the full situation

R. G. should have explained it this way. The 1st Grade had a few injuries and 2nd Grade players had to go up to 1st Grade and there were a few injuries in 2nd Grade so 3rd Grade players obviously had to go up to 2nd Grade. Actually one played and four were on the bench and because the opposing team rearranged the games so that second grade played before the 3rd grade. For your information the second grade lost 5-0 obviously with their players up in 1st Grade and one 3rd grade player playing.

Then the next night the 3rd Grade was played and the players who played 2nd Grade, or player, was on the bench. For the 3rd Grade i.e. his very own team, registered 3rd Grade and playing 3rd Grade every week after that and before

We then played and were winning 2-1 at half-time when R. G. came off injured. We put on our player who filled in the 2nd Grade the night before. We won 3-1 which we fully deserved

Now Melita complained about our player coming on and playing, they knew he was a 3rd Grade player but complained and they received the two pts, that now looks important especially since there is two pts between 3rd and 6th spot which we are in.

Melita is one point ahead of us. Fairly important and unfair.

In the second round we had a 2-2 draw. But not after their goalkeeper who played 1st Grade the week before was put down to 3rd Grade. He also played 2nd Grade in the first round but we cannot complain because rules say you can do this. They must have been pretty scared to bring down their 1st Grade goalkeeper.

What do you think now Mr Sansom and readers? Fair or unfair? Please reply

By the way I buy ASW and enjoy it very much but could you please put in 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade tables in the last few rounds. Thank you for listening and hope you print my letter and tables for 2nd and 3rd grade. Div. 1.

A.O.
Merrylands, NSW.

ED - I have it in good faith that Kenny Sansom has now gone into hiding and seeking a visa to Russia!



TNT SKYPAK STATE LEAGUE

THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

CANTERBURY HITS THE LEAD

Canterbury2 Melita0

Canterbury's dream of competing in the National Soccer League could be a reality in six days.

This follows Canterbury's vital 2-0 victory over fellow title challengers Melita Eagles at Arlington Oval.

Before a healthy crowd of more than 2000, Canterbury desperately needed maximum points from this match to have any hope of winning the State League championship and promotion to the national competition.

Canterbury's run towards the top of the League table has been truly amazing, considering after the first seven rounds of the competition the Canterbury committee had contemplated dismissing their coach Raul Blanco because of the Berries disastrous results.

The faith shown by the Canterbury administration and players in Raul Blanco should now be rewarded on Sunday with a victory over Warringah, which will give the Greek sponsored club the title and promotion to the NSL.

Canterbury secretary Damien Fakois said that Canterbury had the finances and administration to compete in the National League.

"Our social club is trading quite successfully, and it is from this main source that we will finance our entry into the NSL," Fakois said.

"We have been slowly building up towards entry into the NSL, and this was achieved through the appointment of Raul Blanco and the signing of some excellent players."

Canterbury's dream was nearly shattered in the first half of yesterday's match as Melita completely dominated proceedings and should have led 3-0 at the half-time break.

But the trend of the

match changed dramatically in the second half as Canterbury opened the scoring in the 49th minute.

Hantzis scored from a free kick taken just outside the penalty box, after Borges dummied, catching Mullen off guard.

Just 60 seconds later Canterbury sealed the match when a cross from the right found Kolegeros, whose shot gave Mullen no chance.

Canterbury lifted their performance in the second period, but can truly look towards Chris Hummel for their maximum points, as he brilliantly saved four point blank shots in the first half.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Kerespyros, Hantzis, Raman, Pena, Hormazabal, Kirwan, Agnastopoulos, Karogeras, Borges, Ortega (Efendiadis 74).
MELITA: Mullen, Laing, McAusland, Wilson, McCoy, Vial, Farrugia, Dalton, Walker, Griffiths, Hensman.

But Ku-ring-gai's lead was shortlived as Jamie replied with two fine individual goals.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Watson, Quigley, Bennett, Sutherland, Brockbank, Nile Bass.
POLONIA: Anderson, Chau, Geekia, Colusso, Vujinovic, Drya, Solzchik, Mahomet, Kodar, Janic, Bratkovic.

Manly2
Avala2

MANLY and Avala fought out a 2-all draw in a match that contained plenty of goalmouth action and excitement.

Pagano and Barker grabbed Manly's goals, with Anderson and Jeffries hitting the back of the net for the visitors.

MANLY: Barker, Dennis, J. Dick, Pierce, S. Dick (Stuart 58), Gogic (Fox 81), Etherington, Pagano, Holloway, G. Barker, Williamson.

AVALA: Thurlow, Barrett, Dobson, Lembrayk, Pratt (Tracey 85), Divani (Jordan 81), Brunetta, Coates, Jeffries, Anderson, Carrey.



Lenny Vial challenges a Canterbury opponent.

Fairy Meadow0
Uruguay1

AT the very last hurdle Fairy Meadow have virtually conceded the title to Canterbury following their 1-0 loss to lowly Uruguay.

Fairy Meadow next week play relegated Bankstown, whereas Canterbury clash with Warringah.

The likely turn of events should be that both Canterbury and Fairy Meadow will obtain maximum points, and Canterbury will be the champions by one point.

A situation which just up to five weeks ago seemed impossible, and the title seemingly heading towards Fairy Meadow.

A 39th minute penalty converted by Haste was

enough to sink Fairy Meadow's ambitions.

Fairy Meadow fought back strongly, but were badly let down by poor shooting and a strong, game from Uruguay's keeper, Tibernivern.

URUGUAY: Tibernivern, O'Donnell, Fizez, Haste, Cristolovick, Fernandez, Arbelo (Carizzo 73), Stavilio, Benitez, Benitez, Botero.

Bankstown1
Sutherland1

BANKSTOWN have been relegated to the second division for 1986 following yet another disappointing result.

Mark Harrington opened the scoring from a cross from Rogers in the 60th minute, with Nocera notching the

equaliser in the 80th minute.

Sutherland held the upper hand for most of the match, with Bankstown rarely threatening to secure the two points they so badly needed.

BANKSTOWN: El Zein, Ismail, Rajab, Lahood, Mattion, T. Antonopoulos, Milbani, C. Antonopoulos, Nocera, Green, Hassan.
SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Schumann, Hasford, Burrows, Dal Forno, Webber, Rogers (Gray 70), Harrington, Hall, Beggs, Meades.

Ku-ring-gai2
Polonia2

KU-RING-GAI and Polonia played a typical clash between two sides with no hope of honours OR relegation.

Ku-ring-gai raced to a 2-0 lead with Bass scoring both goals.

Rockdale2
Warringah1

ROCKDALE maintained their consistent form of recent weeks with a solid 2-1 win over lowly Warringah.

Wilson notched the winner following a goalmouth scramble in the 71st minute.

WARRINGAH: Dean, Hanley, Jones, Wall, Parritt, Griffin, Collins, A. Dean, Van Helden, Sanotner (Friend 70), Neclonovic.

ROCKDALE: Kotzohambos, Blackburn, G. Wilson, Pilevski, Forrester, Wilson, Nastoski, Scaveski, Brown, Peleganos (Triantafillou 61), Rietevski.

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URUGUAYAN AUBURN v MANLY WARRINGAH
AVALA v KU-RING-GAI
POLONIA v ROCKDALE ILINDEN
WARRINGAH N'BEEN v CANT M'VILLE OLY
MELITA EAGLES v SUTHERLAND

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NARRABEEN F/C
MELITA STADIUM

SECOND DIVISION

SATURDAY AUGUST 31:
Bathurst '75 v Queens Park
Proctor Park
Dee Why v Artarmon
Cromer Park
Yugal v W'gong Macedonia
Blick Oval
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1:
SSG Yugal v Campbelltown City
Blick Oval
Blacktown United v Gladesville H.
Francis Park
Artarmon v Pennth United
Artarmon Reserve
Dee Why v Cant & Dist
Cromer Park
W'gong Macedonia v Nth Bankstown
Berkeley S/G

THIRD DIVISION

SATURDAY AUGUST 31:
Bondi Manne v Moorebank L.
Waverley Oval
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1:
Port Hacking v King Tomislav
Seymour Shaw Pk
Campbelltown Dist v Rooty Hill
Bensley Road
Baulkham Hills v Bondi Manne
Ted Horwood Res.
Uni of NSW v Moorebank L.
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JULIE'S BACK

JULIE PORTER, former Australian international striker, now a powerful midfielder and captain of the Northern NSW side, will re-appear this week at the National Championships to be played at Wembley Park, Box Hill in Melbourne.

Last June, Julie captain-coached the Macquarie team which cracked the Northern NSW championship, held at Lismore.

In her squad, Julie had another former international, Karen Menzies, who is a more than useful utility player, a great passer as well as striker of the ball.



JULIE PORTER

Both Julie and Karen will be making a determined bid for a comeback to the Australian team and will be out to impress national coach, Fred Robins at Box Hill this week and next.



KAREN MENZIES

QUEENSLAND THE DEFENDERS

SOUTH QUEENSLAND, yet again skippered by one of Australia's greatest players, Susan Monteath, travel South to Melbourne this week to commence their defence of the national title they won last year in Canberra.

Susan, easily Australia's most experienced current international, will lead the "Maroons" into daily battles at Wembley Park, Box Hill, over the next two weeks.

The Queensland skipper is fully aware that the "Blues" from NSW will prove the biggest threat to their title.

"We have trained hard lately under Fred

Robins and we have an excellent player in the midfield that will bolster our side", the Queensland captain told us.

Susan was referring to the 24 year old from Mackay, Donna Fredrickson, who is a hard strong runner and a very fit player.

The Queenslanders will be without their international fullback cum-midfielder, Kerry Millman, but her sis-

ter, Joanne Millman has saddled up again for the Sunshine State.

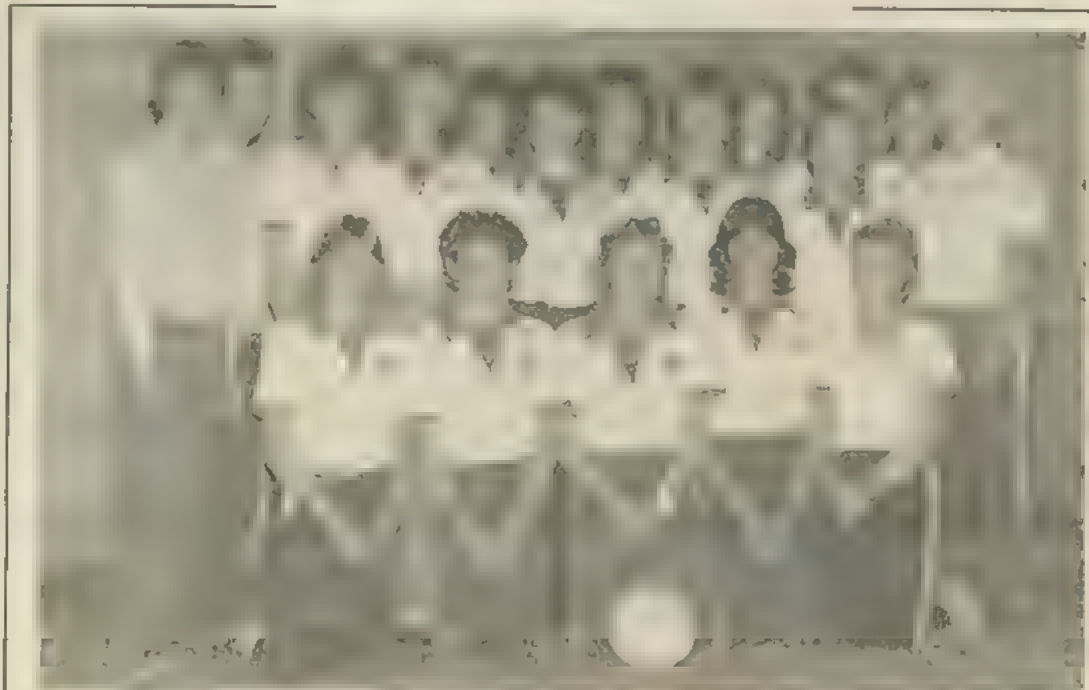
Kerry has retired from State and National Soccer for a year or two.

But Leanne Priestley, a former international, has made a comeback and will bolster the Sunshine Girls.

Fred Robins, the Queenslanders' coach, told us last night

"We have had some problems over the last couple of weeks with some State squad players who have been unable to train because of a virus they had suffered."

"But I hope everything will be ok in Melbourne. We have some good players and the girls are all very keen to hang onto the championship", the national coach stated.



CHAMPIONS, SOUTH QUEENSLAND's State squad seen here after a training session. The Queensland skipper, Susan Monteath is seen kneeling behind the ball.

GIRLS' SHORT SHOTS

Barbara Webster, Northern NSW's outstanding intelligent midfielder, has been forced to withdraw

from the National Championships in Melbourne.

The Tamworth girl who plays for New England University in Armidale, ripped her ankle ligaments and failed a fitness test before the Northern NSW squad departed for Melbourne.

Renaye Iserief, also from Northern NSW, is in trouble with a knee injury.

The ace-blond striker, had to have three stitches inserted into her knee after suffering a stud gash playing in the Central Coast Association Final.

Betty Hoar has been appointed manageress of the Australian Women's Soccer

team. A former experienced player and currently a referee in Victoria, Betty wants to see Australia do well next March in New Zealand in the second Oceania Cup Tournament.

Vicki Salmons, Australia's World Cup goalkeeper, now re-

covering rapidly from her cruciate ligament operation, has travelled from Sydney this week to Melbourne to witness the National Championships.

Vicki despite being unable to play for NSW will be "covering" the "blues" from the touchline.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MELBOURNE

FROM this Wednesday till Friday, September 6, the National Women's Championships will be staged at Wembley Park, Box Hill in Melbourne.

A round robin series involving all states and territories will compete to arrest the title from the Queenslanders, the current champs who grabbed the title off NSW last year in Canberra.

NSW, coached by Alan Lytton, has a squad stacked with internationals including Mandi Langlaar, Julie Dolan, Kimmy Lembryk, Cindy Heydon and Margaret Petrov.

Queensland's captain, Susan Monteath, although suffering from a dislocated shoulder playing for Grange Thistle against Eastern Suburbs in the first 15 minutes of the Brisbane Women's Final, is now fully fit and raring to go.

The Championship organiser is former National team-manageress, Mrs Betty Hoar, a well known, jovial personality in Australian Women's Soccer.



BETTY HOAR

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia will be coached in the Championship by Alf Gorton. Gorton is in charge of the State squad for the first time.

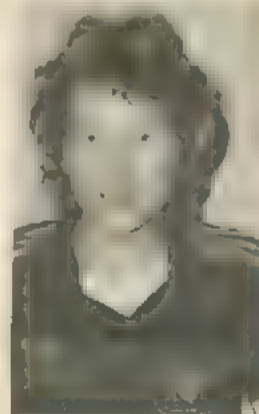
ACT

The National Capital's squad has a highly qualified man in Clive MacKillop and his side could pull off a few surprise upset results.

The game of Women's Soccer now has over 30,000 players nationally, thanks to a huge surge in high schools Soccer in NSW which is quickly spilling over into the local district associations.

Some 207 High Schools in NSW competed this year in the State-wide Ku-ring-Gai Cup, which was won recently 2-1 by Warners Bay High School from Newcastle when they defeated Kirrawee High from the Sutherland area on the South side of Sydney.

National Championships Organiser, Mrs Betty Hoar, Wembley Park, Box Hill: 03 890 9695.



SUSAN MONTEATH

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australia who ran a good second place last year, are again favoured to do well this year by their coach Jim Leonard.

The South Australian captain is Moyra Dodd, with Jackie McCann as the vice captain.

VICTORIANS

The home side, the Victorians, will have three internationals in their squad, being Jane Oakley, Tracey Singleton and goalkeeper, Theresa Jones.

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10 00 am	TAS-NT	NT-WA	SQ-VIC	SA-NT	TAS-NNSW		VIC-ACT	NSW-WA	ACT-SQ	WA-SA
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SOCCER WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Eagerly awaited by soccer fans after each round.
5. Kosmina reveals great in his shooting.
8. Some teams their opponents' goal in an effort to force a win.
9. Passes the ball across the goalmouth.
10. The '74 Socceroo team was based on strong
11. A country noted for hockey rather than soccer.
12. See 4 down.
14. A fast winger is always a to a back.
17. Muscles after an injury.
19. Australia did not enter an team in '84.
22. Star players are usually attractive teams.
23. Teams winning the toss often take first of the wind.
24. Former English first division club now in the third division.
25. Players are struggling to their reputations before the next World Cup.

CLUES DOWN

1. European club that sounds speedy.
2. A bad foul can result in a between players.
3. A coach is with many responsibilities.
4. down and 12 across. Your reliable sports newspaper.
5. NSL Northern Division team near the Blue Mountains.
6. The next Cup is in Mexico.
7. Referees play with a dropped ball after a delay.
12. Elton John's first division club.
13. Players given a free transfer are at to negotiate freely.
15. The offside rule is always difficult to to youngsters.
16. Spurs wizard, not available for the series here.
18. The captain is the only one who should to the ref about a decision.
20. Jimmy Shoulder has been in charge of the squad.
21. English fourth division team (sounds as if they belong aboard ship).

SOLUTIONS NEXT WEEK

BIRRONG BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

BIRRONG Boys' High School is a relatively unknown school in the south-western suburbs of Sydney but a group of senior pupils are out to change all that.

They played their way into the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup — the largest competition in the State.

Through the first few rounds they played like a team possessed, with defeats over Moorebank High 2-1, Canley Vale High 6-1 and Miller High 4-3 in a cliffhanger which stretched into extra time.

They then came up against a formidable

opponent in Condell Park High where, with true determination and total commitment, they came out victors 3-2.

A trip into the country is always a hard task and the next round took them to a school in Wagga Wagga. They overcame this hurdle against a gutsy Koorringal High team 2-1.

Their next obstacle was the skilful Kogarah

High School, previous winners of the Cup. This was a hard match that tested the team's spirit and heart in the worst of conditions. They lost 1-0 but did not lose any pride, as they fought tactically and gave their all till the last whistle.

The boys of Birrong Boys' High School are putting their school on the map with their achievements in soccer.



Newcastle Jottings

PROBABLY the most disappointed man in Northern NSW this season has been Lake Macquarie City secretary Dave McQuire.

He went into enormous detail preparing for the visit of England superstar Trevor Brooking.

Brooking was to spend a week with the club giving lectures and coaching sessions, plus special coaching to school teams in the area. The week would end with his guesting for the team in their State First Division clash.

Just days before his scheduled arrival, Dave was notified that Brooking would not be coming. The organisers of his visit allegedly had received a higher bid for him to remain in Western Australia. Dave could have raised the money but declined as a matter of principle.

Dave McQuire who once played in goal for Leichhardt still keeps his eye in by playing in the Northern NSW Suburban League competition. His team, Cooks Hill, is made up of players who are in the twilight of their careers but they still enjoy a run each Sunday morning.

John McQuarrie the strong Newcastle Rosebud United midfielder started the year under a cloud following a bad car accident. For a time it was thought his playing career was over.

John had other ideas. He fought back to good health, forced his way into the Rosebud side and was recently made captain, taking over from Joe Senkalski. His latest honour, which fully supported Willie Gallagher's decision, was when the Northern NSW coach Ken Kaiser nominated him as skipper of the team that met Red Star Belgrade.

Newcastle has applied to enter the Sydney Rugby League competition and one of their advantages is an enormous sponsorship deal with a Building Society.

The mind boggles as we contemplate what Newcastle United could have done with only a portion of that being offered to the Rugby League.

TWELVE hundred and twenty seven soccer players in Rockhampton Central Queensland all jumped in the air at the same time recently and raised money to help their Director of Coaching, Richard Evans, establish a special training area he wants for their headquarters, Norbridge Park.

The local Toyota dealer, Rockhampton Car Sales, wanted a new ending for its local television commercials and so invited the Association to participate in the "jump," offering them a dollar per head for those who turned up.

The morning was so successful that the dealership was able to claim the unofficial record amongst Toyota dealerships for being able to get the most people to do the now familiar Toyota jump at the same time.

(The picture is portion of the crowd outside the Rockhampton Car Sales dealership, Denison Street Rockhampton).

What a pity PSV Eindhoven didn't come to Newcastle. It would have been a real promotional gem having Eric-Jan Van Den Boogaard directly opposed to Michael Boogaard.

Michael, a former Booragul High School player, never takes a backward step. He was a natural selection for the Red Star match.

Adamstown Oval is about to have another facelift. Only recently lights were installed which are of high quality enabling mid-week fixtures to be played.

However the next move is to change the shape to rectangular and to upgrade the playing surface. The club hopes to have it ready for the start of next season. It is a big project.

The Northern NSW Presentation Night has been scheduled for November at the Belmont Sailing Club.

Former player, official and director Harry Hetherington of Maitland is writing a complete history of soccer in Newcastle, the Northern Soccer League and the Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

This labour of love has already taken several years but Harry hopes to have it completed by 1987. Some of his data makes compelling reading and the photographs grasp the attention.

But still Harry searches for more. Anyone with memorabilia relating in any way to soccer in Northern NSW who would like to assist him in this noble project can contact him on 049 328 077 or at 2 Hawkins Street, Rutherford 3220. He promises faithfully to return any property and Harry is a man of his word.



MICHAEL BOOGAARD

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

CENTRAL Queensland's representative side selected to play against Brisbane Lions National League team on August 3 at Ryan Park Rockhampton did very well despite being beaten 6-0.

They were up against it before they started as their coach, Richard Evans had only four hours to prepare the side with players coming from as far afield as Mackay and Blackwater. Even so they stayed with their more experienced opponents for most of the match and Lions didn't open the scoring until the 35th minute.

Danny Wright weaved his way past the defence and with a minimum of space to shoot through found the net. In the next five minutes Lions scored two more through David Hunter and John Ogden and went to the half-time break with a 3-0 lead.

There were a few worried looks on the faces of the Lions players until that first goal and with a little luck Central Queensland could have been a lot closer. A movement down the right side saw Steve Cunningham clear on the left but his shot went wide of the post.

Central Queens-

land's ability to get into the game was through their very competitive midfield of Geoff Icardi, Russell O'Hara and Gavin Jenkins who won their share of the ball, but fitness began to tell.

Peter Marshall had been well held by Alan Niven but when Tony Shields came on after half-time it looked as though Central Queensland might come back. He made several probing runs into the Lions half very nearly setting up a goal for Steve Cunningham and near the end being brought down by Wayne Evans to stop him getting one himself.

Lions other three goals were shared by John Stewart and Clark Anderson.

The game was probably the best promotion of the code in Central Queensland and would not have been possible without the financial backing of the Frenchville Club and Carlton Brewery.

People are still talking about it and can't wait for a return visit.



Read across for home fixtures, down for away matches. Reproduced by kind permission of the Football League

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UK Scene

THOMPSON BID UPSET DIXON

KERRY DIXON, Chelsea's prolific scoring centre-forward was far from happy when he heard his club was ready to spend nearly a million dollars to buy Gary Thompson from West Brom.

Thompson, rumoured to be joining several top clubs, finally signed for Sheffield Wednesday for \$900,000.

That was a relief for Dixon, who hopes to lead England's attack in the World Cup next year, but he still wonders why Chelsea were so keen to buy Thompson.



Kerry Dixon, rises high to score against West Germany during England's 3-0 win.

TV UNWANTED BY CLOUGH

BRIAN CLOUGH is one top club boss who refuses to see any harm in the threatened soccer ban by TV stations.

"If negotiations with TV people come to nothing, it will do no harm at all," said Clough. "If we are off the screen altogether, it would give football the biggest boost it's had in years."

CHELSEA GRAB TOP SCOT

WHEN Chelsea went to Scotland to buy Pat Nevin, they signed one of the most gifted winners in Britain.

Now they've been back to sign another tricky little artist, Kevin McAllister from Falkirk, for a giveaway \$60,000.

That fee will be doubled when McAllister plays 30 first team matches for Chelsea.

Falkirk boss Bill Lamont rates McAllister on a par with Nevin.

If Lamont is right, it seems Chelsea have made a real capture once again.



PAT NEVIN
NORTHERN IRELAND midfielder Martin O'Neill is now with Cambridge United in the fourth division. He had a disappointing start at Cambridge when he was carried off on a stretcher in a pre-season game against Manchester United.

PAT JENNINGS, who retired recently after being released by Arsenal, could be back in action soon.

Sunderland have made the Northern Ireland international goalkeeper an offer which he is considering.

BRUCE STAYS ON — TO ENTERTAIN

LIVERPOOL goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar was so upset by the Brussels Stadium disaster, he seriously considered quitting football.

But he has had a change of mind after summer holiday with his family.

Grobbelaar told Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish: "I'm staying. If there is a problem with hooligans in football, I should play my part in combatting it."

"I do not play just for the money — if that were the case, I'd walk away from the game."

"People have been kind enough to tell me I bring them enjoyment with my style of

play and that makes me very happy.

"This is an aspect of our game we must strengthen — enjoyment and entertainment. When players are happy, it is reflected in their game."

Liverpool teammate Ian Rush added: "I am especially pleased Bruce changed his mind about packing up football. He's one of the best goalkeepers in the game and we would have missed him badly."

RABBITS WERE THERE FIRST

ANDY FEELEY, Leicester City's defender, missed the start of the new season because of an extraordinary accident.

Feeley was playing in the Isle of Man football festival when he trod in a rabbit hole and went over on his ankle.

He has damaged ligaments which will

keep him out for at least three weeks.

"You expect to get a few knocks but it's hard to smile at a freak mishap like this," said Leicester boss Gordon Milne.

WATFORD THE HAPPY CLUB

WHILE there is so much gloom hanging over British football, at least one club has a smile on its face.

That club is Watford where there have been record sales of season tickets for the new season.

Watford report sales were up 15 per cent making the pre-season cash flow the best in the club's history.

Watford expect big things from veteran Brian Talbot, signed from Arsenal during the close season.

Talbot has been appointed club captain, carrying on a tradition which saw another Arsenal reject, Pat Rice, an inspiring leader at Watford.



BRIAN TALBOT

SANSOM IS FORGIVEN

ARSENAL's Tony Woodcock is the latest footballing "author" to produce a book which reveals all!

In the book, Woodcock retells the story of an alleged drunken brawl in a hotel in which Kenny Sansom and Alan Sunderland were involved.

Punches were exchanged and manager Terry Neill and coach Don Howe had to be called in to separate the fighters.

Sansom was appointed captain of Arsenal a couple of weeks ago, which suggests the London club has at last forgiven him for past misdemeanours.



Bruce Grobbelaar — staying in football to entertain.

CHARLTON: 'I QUIT'

NOT for the first time, Jackie Charlton has shown he will not tolerate abuse in the difficult job of football management.

When Newcastle United fans booed him and gave him the bird in a pre-season match, Jackie walked out and packed his bags.

"The fans have got what they wanted," he said. "They didn't

want me as manager so I decided to resign."

Charlton has been criticised for selling Chris Waddle to Spurs but, since the player demanded a move, how can Charlton be to blame?

HIBS ANGRY OVER RICE

THERE seems to be open war between Nottingham Forest and Hibernian over Forest's signing of Scottish Under 21 midfielder Brian Rice.

Forest manager Brian Clough is offering only \$150,000 for Rice who is valued by Hibs manager John Blackley at \$500,000.

The fee will go to a tribunal.

Blackley had previously been upset by Clough over the way Forest conducted

negotiations for Rice's transfer.

The Scottish club claim Forest bypassed them and dealt directly with the player.

IAN'S STRANGE MISHAP

YOU don't often hear about footballers being injured while indulging in water sports — but it happened recently to Leicester City midfielder Ian Banks.

On holiday in Bognor Regis, Banks was in a water skiing accident when his wedding ring caught in the tow bar.

The ring embedded itself in his finger, tearing the tendon, and an emergency operation was needed to save the finger.

Banks has had his from finger to arm put in plaster — shoulder.



IAN BANKS

EOIN HAND GOES

EOIN HAND, manager of the Republic of Ireland's World Cup squad, has resigned his club job with St. Patrick's Athletic after only one year.

Hand's contract with the F.A. of Ireland expires in November and there is a lot of speculation suggesting he will leave the country then.

Maybe Hand will be the next coach to try his luck with the Arabs.

WILSON GOOD BUY

MILLWALL strengthened their squad for the new season in second division by signing Fulham midfielder Richard Wilson.

Wilson, 24, has made more than 100 first team appearances at Fulham and looks a good buy at \$110,000.

He was nearly killed two years ago when he was accidentally gassed in an accident at his home.

GORDON McQUEEN has decided to quit English football and play for Seiko in Hong Kong.

Seiko will use the former Manchester United and Scotland centre-half as player-coach.

SOCCER WORLD



JORGE FOR WORLD CUP

ARGENTINE star Jorge Burruchaga is now with Nantes in France but a clause in his contract gives him freedom to return to Argentina in April for pre-World Cup training.

Carlos Bilardo, Argentina's coach, has insisted on the clause.

What happens if Nantes are flat out for the championship in April?

Obviously, they will be very upset about losing the services of their most expensive star.

OLD MATES MEET UP

DANISH star Carsten Nielsen used to be a team mate of West Germany's Uli Stielike with the highly successful Borussia Moenchengladbach before Stielike switched to Spain to play for Real Madrid.

Now Nielsen and Stielike will be reunited as playing colleagues in Switzerland.

Following Stielike's transfer to Xamax Neuchatel, Nielsen has also joined that club.



Uli Stielike — to Xamax Neuchatel.

RUMMENIGGE TO HAMBURG

MICHAEL RUMMENIGGE, brother of the more famous Karl-Heinz, has been transferred from Bayern Munich to SV Hamburg.

Bayern wanted \$600,000 for Michael but Hamburg claimed they could not afford that sort of money.

Then big brother Karl-Heinz, who plays for Inter Milan, joined in the action and produced a rental plan which suited Bayern and Hamburg.

The arrival of Michael Rummenigge was not welcomed by one Hamburg star — former Aberdeen centre-forward Mark McGhee.

McGhee had a very disappointing debut season with the German club, casting a

cloud over his future with the club.

The arrival of Rummenigge makes McGhee's position even more precarious.

The Scot was plagued by injury and loss of form in 1984-85 following his headline transfer from Aberdeen.

He is now recovering from an operation on his hip.

To complete his cup of woe, McGhee was breathalysed by police recently, found guilty and banned from driving for a month!



Karl-Heinz Rummenigge — helping baby brother!

EASY WAY TO WIN A BONUS

JOHN FASHANU, John Chiedozie and Chuk Nwajobi, all of whom play for English clubs, recently collected handsome win bonuses without working very hard for them.

The trio were in Nigeria's squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Tunisia in Lagos which Nigeria won 1-0.

The bonus was a Peugeot car for each squad member and it

was worth \$15,000.

Fashanu and Chiedozie did not play in the match and Nwajobi lasted only 10 minutes before being taken off ill.

There were 120,000

spectators at the game so the Nigerian F.A. was quite happy to award the cars — particularly as it meant their team needed only a draw in the return match in Tunisia.

There is no happy

ending to the story. Tunisia beat Nigeria 2-0 in Tunis and eliminated the Nigerians.

At least the three players from England have Peugeots among their souvenirs!

IT'S THE GYPSY IN HIM!

THERE must be a bit of the gypsy in Brazilian star forward Dirceu.

Dirceu has been four years in Italy — and has played for four different clubs.

He started with Verona, moved to Napoli, then to Ascoli and this season kicks off with Como.

If Dirceu is collecting handsome signing-on fees every time he switches clubs, he must be one of Italy's wealthiest players!

MEXICO, for the first time in their history rated a chance to win the World Cup, are getting plenty of pre-Cup practice against a variety of teams all over the world.

Mexico's tour takes in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Iraq, Qatar, Korea, Hong Kong and Kuwait.

BRIEGEL IS TOP PLAYER

HANS PIETER BRIEGEL of Verona in Italy has been named West Germany's "player of the year."

Second in the voting was Rudi Voller who plays for Werder Bremen, while third place went to Klaus Allofs, who is also the nation's top goalscorer with 26 goals.

FRIENDLY GAMES DON'T EXIST FOR ITALIANS

ITALY is in the happy position of being able to qualify for the 1986 and 1990 World Cups without playing any qualifying games.

As Cup-holders, the Italians automatically play in next year's Cup and, as host nation, they also get a free ride to the finals four years later.

This certainly takes pressure off the Italians but is there a danger of a team falling behind technically

if it plays mainly friendly fixtures for eight years? Italy's coach Enzo Bearzot does not think so.

Says Enzo: "In Italy, there is no such thing as friendly football. Football is not a mere sport in this country — it is a social phe-

nomenon.

"Every match is lived with the utmost intensity, before, during and after.

"In Italy, a match doesn't last 90 minutes, but a whole week, with all the stress and strain associated with it."

PISANTI TO COLOGNE

DAVID PISANTI, who could be in Israel's team for World Cup elimination matches against Australia soon, has decided to play professionally in West Germany.

Pisanti has been transferred from Maccabi Nathanya to FC Cologne.

He is a left-back and has played for Israel 15 times.

JOSE GETS OUT!

JOSE PASTORIZA from Argentina did not stay long as team boss of Brazil's Fluminense.

Jose walked out on the job after just 20 days.

He complained he hadn't seen any of the cash he had been promised.



Enzo Bearzot and the World Cup.